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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

Vicar wants heads of thieves on stakes outside his church

By **STEVE KNIGHT & CHRIS MURPHY**

AN OUTSPOKEN vicar says he would like to see the heads of thieves who stole valuable lead from the roof of his historic church skewered on stakes.

The Rev Jim Field made the controversial comment after £20,000 of the metal was snatched from St George's in Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, this week.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I know as a vicar I should not be saying this, but if they catch whoever did this, I want their heads on stakes outside. I can't believe this church has been attacked again.

"In this latest attack we have lost lead worth £20,000 and because we had it specially marked, the insurance company will only pay out its maximum of £5,000.

"That means we now have to find all the extra money from somewhere else.

"I used to be at a church in north Kent and that was hit by arson. We have also lost peg tiles from a porch recently. I know as a man of the cloth I shouldn't be asking for heads on stakes, but that is what I think."

According to the national church insurer Ecclesiastical, lead thefts accounted for 2,500 claims last year worth a total of about £9 million. In 2005, just 80 claims, worth a total of £300,000 were made.

Kent Police's crime reduction project manager Julie Argent said: "The number of metal thefts fluctuates with the price of metals. Last year the increasing price of metal in overseas markets led to an increase in theft of metals in the UK for its scrap value.

"What we are seeing now with the current

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Kent today



TODAY: It will be generally bright with sunny periods, but cloudy with a small chance of the odd shower later. A dry evening but still rather cloudy. Gentle westerly winds. Max temp 18-21C (64-70F).
TONIGHT: Skies will be cloudy but it will remain dry. Light and variable winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	16	61	London	fair	17	63
Belfast	fair	20	68	Liverpool	fair	20	68
Birmingham	cloudy	18	64	Manchester	cloudy	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	19	66	Newcastle	cloudy	17	63
Bristol	fair	18	64	Norwich	fair	16	61
Cardiff	fair	19	66	Oxford	cloudy	19	66
Cork	fair	20	68	Southsea	fair	19	66
Edinburgh	cloudy	19	64	S'hampton	fair	17	63
Glasgow	cloudy	16	61	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	fair	16	61	Swansea	fair	18	64
Leeds	cloudy	17	63	Torquay	fair	19	66

Sun & moon

Sunrise 4.37am Sunset 9.17pm Lighting up times: 9.17pm to 4.37am
Moonrise 2.42am Moonset 8.27pm

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
	m (ft)		m (ft)		m (ft)		m (ft)	
Dover	10.16	6.2	22.36	6.4	11.11	6.4	23.29	6.5
Margate	11.23	4.3	23.42	4.4	–	–	12.15	4.5
St Mary's	03.48	5.1	16.15	5.3	04.43	5.3	17.08	5.5

Week ahead

monday	isolated showers	thursday	isolated showers
tuesday	isolated showers	friday	Sunny spells
wednesday	isolated showers	saturday	isolated showers

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FROM FRONT PAGE

recession and the slowing down of the building industry is a fall in metal prices.

"Consequently we are not seeing as many incidents involving metal thefts as at this time last year."

Mrs Argent's comments will do nothing to calm the mood of Mr Field, who is also vicar of the nearby St Clement's Church that had £50 of lead stolen from its windows earlier this month.

He said: "We just can't understand a society that lets this happen. It has really damaged these amazing windows and for what? A few quid for stolen lead."

At St George's, police believe the thieves used ladders to reach the roof and that the lead may have been loaded into a vehicle parked by the front wall. Ecclesiastical spokesman Chris Pitt said vicars could improve security at churches by cutting back bushes, asking parishioners to walk through the grounds regularly, or by installing CCTV cameras.

He added that all Anglican churches had been provided with forensic SmartWater kits that leave an invisible mark when they come into contact with skin and clothing.

Mr Pitt said: "Metal theft is a serious concern and no church is safe."

Anyone with information about the theft at St George's can contact the police on 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.

Vicar aghast at theft of church lead from roof

• Former Through the Keyhole presenter Loyd Grossman, now chairman of the Churches Conservation Trust, referred to church vandals as "lunatics" when he spoke to Kent on Sunday this week. Turn to page 5 for the full story.

MP and KCC leader in Parliament clash

Angry words as 'bias' claim dismissed as 'tosh'

A WAR of words has broken out between two leading Kent politicians over a seemingly innocuous business meeting.

South Thanet MP Dr Stephen Ladyman claims county council leader Paul Carter made "biased and inaccurate" comments about the Government at this week's Parliamentary gathering, while also accusing him of hypocrisy over house-building plans for the South East.

In response, Cllr Carter said Dr Ladyman was talking "a load of old tosh".

The argument broke out after a cross-party Parliamentary meeting paid for by the Kent taxpayer and organised by KCC as part of its Backing Kent Business campaign.

Dr Ladyman, who only attended a reception held afterwards, labelled a speech made by Cllr Carter in which he allegedly attacked Government policies as an "embarrassment to Kent".

He said: "Of course, at a Conservative meeting or rally he is entitled to make his biased and inaccurate comments.

"He can ignore the facts as much as he likes and try to pretend that problems in Kent directly caused by his actions were somehow the Government's fault, but he can't do it on the council taxpayers' dime.

"This was a political meeting disguised as an all-party gathering to support local business. He has embarrassed the county, embarrassed the Chambers of Commerce and let down his office."

Dr Ladyman also claimed no Labour politicians were allowed to speak at the event, although Cllr Carter has since pointed out it was chaired by Labour MP Andy Love.

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He said: "If Stephen had come to the whole seminar instead of just the reception he would have heard Andy Love speaking about the Government's position on supporting businesses and his work as chairman of the all-party small businesses group.




AT LOGGERHEADS: Stephen Ladyman MP, left, and KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter

"This is not about party politics. It is about reaching as many influential and relevant figures in Westminster as possible. It is normal business for a strategic authority with the size and responsibility of Kent."

Despite Cllr Carter's response, Dr Ladyman has still made a formal complaint to KCC over its use of taxpayers' money for what he maintains were party political purposes. He has also accused the leader of "giving away too much" when he spoke about what a Conservative government would do for Kent's businesses.

Dr Ladyman said: "According to Cllr Carter, it is too difficult to get planning permission in Kent. The problem is not too many houses being planned, it is too few.

"A Tory government, according to him, would take the handcuffs off Kent's developers and drive forward a new house-building programme in the county.

"So now we know. The protestations of Kent's Tories about the drive to build houses was a sham. They conned you."

However, Cllr Carter accused Dr Ladyman of talking "a load of old tosh" and had deliberately taken his speech out of context.

He said: "I spoke of the role local government can play by supporting its businesses and also of the need for a bonfire on unnecessary regulations because they're getting out of control.

"I'm in the building industry myself and remember a time when I only needed to fill in two pieces of paper for a planning application. Now it's a lot more, it costs a lot more money and it's an added burden for businesses during a difficult economic time.

"The meeting was all about supporting local firms. I still very much question whether we need an extra 7,000 homes in Kent each year."

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Designs lead to a dream come true



By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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THE collection of a young designer has 'turned heads and hearts' to win the coveted top award at this year's Graduate Fashion Week.

Myrto Stamou, who studied at the University of Creative Arts in Rochester, said she had an amazing experience at the showcase event, which looks for the Stella McCartneys and Vivienne Westwoods of the future.

The 24-year-old, who lives in Rochester, said her collection was inspired by the work of the German-born, French surrealist Hans Bellmer, famed for the erotic dolls he created to oppose the Nazi Party.

"For his time he was very provocative and there was a pornographic element to his work," she said. "There are erotic elements in his paintings and drawings so I borrowed elements from his drawings and what they symbolise.

"I came across him by accident when I was looking at a book full of many painters and sculptors, but I was struck by his work."

Miss Stamou was attracted to one of Bellmer's works in particular, Spinning Top, a drawing for a sculpture he never completed.

"It is of a surreal female form spinning and is symbolic of turning the heads and hearts of men," she said.

Richard Bradbury, CEO of River Island, one of GFW's sponsors, said Miss Stamou should be proud of her work.



THE BEST: Myrto Stamou won £20,000 for her collection at Graduate Fashion Week

He said: "Myrto's collection was elegant and beautiful, it showed such a clear vision. At her interview with judges she came in wearing an outfit from her collection, it was so completely together.

"Some of the judges even commented her collection was better than some out there already. It's good enough to be sold."

The judges were struck by her womenswear collection that, she said, specifically owes it muted colours and elegant drapery to Bellmer.

More than 300 fashion design graduates from 21 universities and colleges around the country took part in the catwalk shows during GFW at Earls Court from June 7-11.

One Gold Award winner is selected from winners in 13 categories, which include womenswear, menswear, textiles and accessories.

Miss Stamou received a prize of £20,000 and will see her winning collection displayed in the shop window of River Island's flagship store in London's Oxford Street.

"It was an amazing experience and most of all because I was not expecting it," she said.

Winning the top prize at the event is seen as a golden ticket to success in the notoriously competitive fashion industry. Miss Stamou said she had already received some exciting job offers.

"I like crazy things, but I think it is important to do something that is wearable and flatters the female figure. It is really important to make the body look better than it does," she said.

"I have not made any decisions for the moment. I am considering everything because the next step is very important for the beginning of my career.

"I think about it a lot and I'm taking advice from designers and my tutors."

Miss Stamou, who is originally from Arta in north west Greece, is going home for a while but wants to live and work in London. She praised the course at Rochester said she owed "many things" to her tutors.

She added: "What I realised is that when you work really hard and on something that you love as much as I love fashion, if you follow your dreams they do come true. This was my dream and I worked really hard for it."

Swine flu hits campus

SWINE flu's latest victim is a student based in Canterbury.

On Friday it was confirmed a student on the University of Kent's Canterbury campus has contracted the disease.

Anyone who has been in close contact with the individual was told they are at risk of catching the illness.

The university is enacting its flu pandemic contingency plan, and is working closely with the NHS and Health Protection Agency.

The university's staff and students have all been provided with information and advice. In particular they have been told to be aware of online information and the NHS question and answer section about swine flu.

The university is open and continuing business as usual.

The student is the 11th person to come down with the illness in the county.

NHS advice is to reduce the risk of catching or transmitting swine flu by covering the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, and disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.

It also advising washing hands frequently with soap and warm water, and cleaning hard surfaces such as door handles frequently, using a normal cleaning product.

Those who suspect they may have the virus are urged to stay at home and phone their doctor or NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

Teachers told to beware Facebook

TEACHERS in Kent have been asked to delete their Facebook accounts after a headmistress was caught boasting about her breasts on the social-networking website.

Belinda Langley-Bliss' page also carried an image of a monkey performing a lewd act as well as a joke about asylum-seekers – both posted by online friends of the head of Dartford's Wilmington Enterprise College.

Education chiefs at Kent County Council have advised teachers to steer clear of Facebook – and similar sites MySpace, Bebo and Twitter – to avoid further embarrassment.

• ***Turn to pages 24 and 25 for a feature on how Kent's public bodies are getting to grips with social networking websites.***

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Praise the Loyd for such fine churches

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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THROUGH the Keyhole presenter Loyd Grossman paid a visit to Kent to discover what type of church volunteers work in a place like this.

Best known for snooping around celebrities' houses on the hit ITV show, the suave American spends his time these days as chairman of the Churches Conservation Trust. During his visit to Kent on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 58-year-old met with volunteers in East Peckham, and at St Peter's Church in Sandwich – one of whom is still working for his church at the ripe old age of 101.

Mr Grossman said: "It's important we connect with these types of people because we rely on them enormously to look after 341 of the country's most historic buildings.

"These churches mean a lot to many people and are often seen as the most important buildings in a community – and I'm especially aware of this as someone who moved to England in the mid-1970s.

"They represent the history and culture of the country and are inspirational, even to people who are not religious, so we're very lucky to have them. Kent has some fantastic churches in rural locations that present a classic view of what they should be like."

St Michael's Church in East Peckham, near Tonbridge, has suffered from vandalism and arson attacks in the past but is now open to visitors every day thanks to the efforts of volunteers working with the Churches Conservation Trust. After congratulating 101-year-old Brigadier William Magan and his wife Maxine for more than 40 years' service, Mr Grossman admitted vandalism was one of the biggest threats to religious buildings in England.



GOOD LORD: Loyd Grossman, left, with Crispin Truman of the conservation trust

He said: "Vandalism is always a problem. We try to keep all our churches open as much as possible, but unfortunately there will always be lunatics who try to ruin things for everyone else. We're always looking for new ways to prevent vandalism but it's often the way that the more a church is used, the less likely it is to be vandalised. That's one of many reasons why we want to get people back inside them."

As well as being one of the faces of Through the Keyhole, Mr Grossman also presented the original version of the popular cookery show Masterchef and has since marketed a successful range of pasta and curry sauces.

Last year he was named chairman of the University for the Creative Arts – which has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester – and in 2000 was appointed head of a £40 million project to improve the quality of food served in NHS hospitals.

He said: "I gave the NHS four years and it was not a very happy experience. It was difficult to get anyone to take the issue seriously and it remains a problem. Serving good food in hospitals is important because it cheers people up and makes them feel better more quickly, but it seems not everybody understands that."

Meanwhile, church leaders are being invited to a seminar on how to make people feel more welcome. The talk, by representatives of the John Lewis department store, is at St Mary's Church in Park Road, Sittingbourne, between 10-11.30am on Thursday, July 9.

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Evensong service honours Dickens

LITERARY giant Charles Dickens' great, great granddaughter attended a service to celebrate the writer's associations with Kent.

Rochester Cathedral was filled for the annual Charles Dickens memorial evensong, which marked the 139th anniversary of his death.

The 40-strong choir of Gad's Hill School – Dickens' former home – played a key part in the service, with other pupils delivering readings and prayers.

Marion Lloyd, Dickens' great, great granddaughter, said: "To come to the cathedral he loved best on the anniversary of his death for a simple service to celebrate his life, with beautiful singing from the children who go to school in his old home, was very moving."

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DNA snares brewery teen

A TEENAGE girl who broke into a brewery for a booze-up was caught from traces of saliva left on discarded beer bottles.

The 16-year-old was collared after police traced DNA left on bottles she and friends had been swigging after the raid on the Shepherd Neame brewery in Faversham.

The youngster was one of 16 people aged between 12 and 30 arrested after a spate of break-ins at the brewery.

Appearing before Sittingbourne magistrates, the girl, who cannot be named due to her age, blamed her troubled family history for getting involved "with the wrong crowd".

Susanna Mitchell, prosecuting, said the teenager had taken bottles of Kingfisher and Bishops Finger on two occasions, on April 3 and June 9, when she and an accomplice were disturbed by a security guard.

"The brewery has been raided several times in recent months," Mrs Mitchell said. "Police set up an operation to discover who was breaking in.

"Forensics and CCTV linked this girl to a number of offences. They would break in, drink some bottles and discard others. There was DNA on the bottles police received."

Holly Coates, defending, told the court: "She fell in with the wrong crowd. She was offered £20 by a man to help them collect some beer. Peer pressure was exerted on her.

"She's had a troubled childhood. She was expelled from school aged 12 and has been trying to better herself."

The girl had moved from Faversham to live with her sister in Croydon, where she hoped to start a new life by joining the Army.

The teenager, who pleaded guilty to burglary, said: "I'm sorry, I shouldn't have done it. I won't do it again."

Chairman of the bench Philippe Lecamp gave her a six-month referral order at Sittingbourne Youth Court on Thursday, meaning she will have to attend regular meetings to address her behaviour.

He said: "You know the difference between right and wrong. Hopefully you will never have to come back here again."

Shepherd Neame made no bid for compensation. The 15 others arrested have been bailed to appear at Sittingbourne police station on Monday, July 6.

ALCOHOL was poured down the drain after being seized from underage street drinkers on the Isle of Sheppey.

Police confiscated alcopops, lager and two half bottles of vodka last week after people raised concerns about young drunks.

Officers spoke to the children about the dangers of binge drinking and also handed out a penalty notice to an adult caught buying alcohol for minors.

Police said they would be visiting licensees to remind them never to sell alcohol to children.

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Fantasy artist puts his stamp on postal designs

By CHRIS MURPHY
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THE artist behind a new set of stamps featuring mythical creatures is unlikely to ever use his own work – because he never sends letters and only uses email.

The series of stunning illustrations includes a fire-breathing dragon and a boulder-wielding giant, plus a pixie riding a snail like a horse.

The striking images were created for the Royal Mail by illustrator Dave McKean, from Isle of Oxney, near Tenterden.

The six stamps, issued on Tuesday, feature fantastical characters from the UK's rich history of folklore and legend.

The 46-year-old artist's work rate is prolific and has been used in everything from the Harry Potter films to CD covers, books and advertising campaigns. He has even been making his own short films.

Mr McKean told the Kent on Sunday: "I have no idea why the Royal Mail chose me in the end. I have done a fair amount of work that falls into the fantasy category. I have done stuff for the Harry Potter films and a lot of fantasy books, so I guess that could be why they approached me.

"As far as I understand it, they usually give these briefs out to several design companies working with talented people and it is then a process of elimination. It is a bit like a competition and I was in the running.

"You work up a few roughs and gradually work through the process."

And on being the winner, he said: "I have obviously taken this far too lightly, because I have taken it as just an illustration job, which really is what it is to me.

"I do other things like books and films and things where I have a lot more personal investment in the project. This was just a job.

"But everyone else is jumping up and down about it and I guess it's very nice to be on stamps – I had never done it before.

"I had taken it with a pinch of salt – maybe I should have made more of it. These stamps may be going around the world, but as I haven't sent a letter in about five years and just use email, it's all lost on me really as I am not the audience for stamps."

Dramatic

Mr McKean was commissioned to design two 1st Class, two 62p and two 90p stamps.

The dramatic set of images includes a fire-breathing dragon and a stone-grey unicorn on the 1st Class stamps.

The 62p stamps have a boulder-carrying giant, and a pixie riding a snail.

Queen Mab takes the reins of her flying chariot, representing fairies on the first 90p stamp, and is joined by the graceful blue-tinged form of a mermaid.

Royal Mail spokesman Melanie Corfield, who is head of special stamps, said: "Dave McKean's illustrations for these stamps are truly breathtaking. He has created a series of images which by turn are beautiful, amusing and spine-tingling."



PICTURE PERFECT: Artist Dave McKean doesn't send any letters; above, the six stunning illustrations based on mythical creatures from folklore



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Macca's meat-free plea fails to tickle taste buds

By JENNA PUDELEK
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A CAMPAIGN encouraging people to go meat-free at the beginning of the week to cut carbon emissions has been met with a lukewarm response in Kent.

Sir Paul McCartney launched the Meat Free Mondays initiative this week by asking households to go vegetarian one day a week to help slow global warming. His campaign is backed by a range of celebrities including Joanna Lumley and Kevin Spacey.

It comes after the Flemish city of Ghent launched Veggiedag, or Veggie Day, in May making Thursdays free of meat and fish.

The pioneering idea, which is not compulsory, is led by the local authority and has seen meat-free meals served in schools and public buildings, including one hospital.

Dr Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has said the most useful step ordinary people could take to help combat climate change would be to have one meat-free day a week.

People should then go on to reduce their meat intake further, he said.

Kent on Sunday asked the county's public services if they might follow Ghent's lead.

A spokesman for Kent County Council said: "While the efforts of Paul McCartney and Ghent are laudable, we offer a vegetarian option everyday in our offices, services and schools. We educate young people about having a good balanced diet, doing exercise and understanding where their food comes from."



GREEN: Paul McCartney wants us all to take on Meat Free Mondays to save the planet

Medway Maritime NHS Foundation Trust said it would "consider" promoting veggie options: "Because some people don't like vegetables and some need meat because they are suffering from poor nutrition, this would be difficult to enforce, but we wouldn't rule anything out. We will consider promoting the vegetarian options on our menus for nutritional and environmental purposes."

Meat production accounts for 18 per cent of annual greenhouse gas emissions, outstripping transportation at 14 per cent.

Millions of acres of rainforest are cleared for cattle and to grow animal feed each year, which accelerates climate change. The methane emitted from animals is 23 times worse for the atmosphere than carbon dioxide.

The NHS contributes three per cent of all carbon emissions in England. If it were a country it would be ranked 81st as the biggest polluter, according to 2004 figures.

Special occasions

Saving Carbon, Improving Health, published in January, plans how the NHS will reduce its carbon footprint and among the proposals is that hospitals could offer fewer meat and dairy products. But the idea of pushing a meat-free day did not appeal in east Kent.

A spokeswoman for East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust said: "East Kent provides vegetarian options both in the canteens and for inpatients.

"Inpatient meals are controlled via the dietetics department. We continue to explore any possibilities which will benefit our patients, staff, and community."

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust did not response to our enquiry.

The principle of reducing meat consumption is gathering support globally. Germany's federal environment agency went as far as advising people to only eat meat on special occasions. In the US, public health schools, led by the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, have also been running a 'meatless Mondays' campaign.

• *See www.meatfreemondays.co.uk for more information on the campaign.*



HILARIOUS: Lewis Hamilton and Shaun Williamson are in a short film together

Racing ace turns cabbie for advert

MAIDSTONE-born actor Shaun Williamson may be best known for his grumpy character Barry on EastEnders, but he still can't shake the gloomy style – even when appearing in a hilarious video with world Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton.

He plays a grizzled cab company owner with Hamilton and his McLaren teammate Heikki Kovalainen as his bored drivers.

The pair are playing Top Trumps with the 'supercar' set while they wait for a call.

Stroppy boss Williamson asks Hamilton to make him a tea, but the tetchy driver snaps back "make it yourself" triggering the actor's trademark downtrodden face.

Eventually a call comes in and the two ace drivers 'race' with each other at the legal road speed to be the first to make the pick up of Martin Whitmarsh, the chief operating officer for McLaren.

Hamilton wins the race, and turns round to Whitmarsh asking "Where to, boss?"

The comic video was created to promote a Vodafone competition for tickets to the Italian Grand Prix.

Hamilton made a name for himself on the Buckmore Park kart track near Chatham at the age of eight, when he was spotted by then McLaren boss Ron Dennis.

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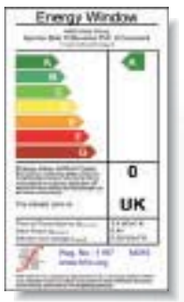
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Freedom for

"A WONDERFUL day for Britain" is how campaigner Joanna Lumley described the ceremony that saw Gurkha troops given the freedom of Folkestone in front of 10,000 well-wishers.

Calling the Nepalese warriors who have just returned from a tour of Afghanistan's Helmand Province "remarkable men", the actress also praised the town for welcoming them into the community.

The people of Folkestone turned out in force on Thursday to greet members of the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles as they paraded along the Leas and through the town.

By **NICK AMES**
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The troops wore desert fatigues with wide-brimmed hats as they observed the formal drill marching patterns impeccably.

The spectators roared in approval as the soldiers were told they could "march through the town on ceremonial occasions, bands playing, bugles sounding and banners flying".

A salute to local dignitaries and a scroll carried away by a soldier in a wheelchair confirmed the honour.

Looking absolutely fabulous in black shirt decorated with an ornamental kukri – Gurkha knife – broach, black and green skirt and boots, Lumley said the day showed how the UK could welcome those from different countries and cultures.

Honour

The actress – who spearheaded the campaign to allow retired Nepalese soldiers full rights to stay in Britain – said it was right to applaud "these remarkable men and their families".

She told the crowd: "This is a wonderful day for Britain. You are the spearhead of how this country can welcome people, how this country can recognise a debt of honour.

"This is the day of sunshine, of smiles, of welcome, of celebration of the Gurkhas and Folkestone. Together forever in our hearts."

Lumley, whose father served with the regiment, then spoke about her tireless campaign on behalf of the soldiers and their families.

"I never thought we'd see this day," she said. "But it's come. All things come together. It's fantastic but it was a rollercoaster. We never knew what was coming from one day to the next."

The soldiers were greeted at Leas Cliff Hall by Mayor Janet Andrews, who presented them with the freedom of the town and said Folkestone had taken the Gurkhas to its heart.

The town's Tory MP Michael Howard also attended and called it "Folkestone at its best" as he looked at a floral tribute in the form of a crossed kukri badge which had been planted on The Leas.

The MP, who is to step down at the next election, then added: "This will be one day I shall cherish and remember."

Among the crowd was Jill Robinson whose father Jack Wire had fought with the Nepalese troops in World War Two.

She said: "I came for a family tribute – for my father really. He fought with them in the Far East.

"He would have loved this day, had he still been alive. He would have been in the front cheering as loudly as he could. How they deserve this honour."

At the barracks, the soldiers were then presented with medals in recognition of their role fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

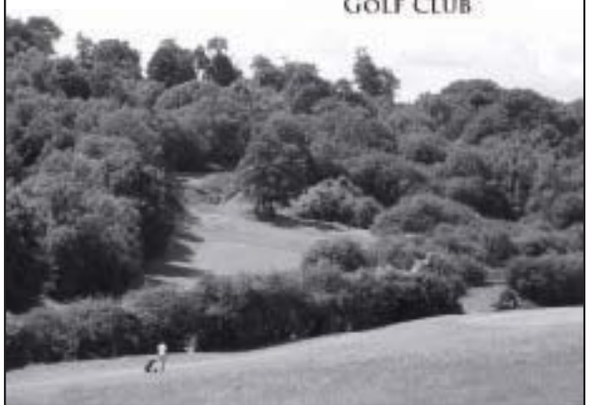
Among those honoured were three soldiers who suffered severe injuries in the conflict and are now in wheelchairs. Riflemen Kushal Limbu, Vishal Rai and Anil Gurung were all maimed during the tour.

Rfl Limbu lost both his legs in a bomb attack on a Warrior armourd vehicle which killed his comrade Colour Sergeant Krishna Dura.

He said: "I feel lucky I am still here, it was very kind of so many people to turn out. I was pleased to see Joanna Lumley."

Before the medal ceremony, tributes were paid in Nepali to C Sgt

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Gurkhas



HEROES' WELCOME: More than 10,000 people lined the streets to cheer on the Gurkhas

Krishna Dura, along with Rfl Yubraj Rai and Cpl Kumar Pun, who were also killed in the fighting.

Salutations were read out before the Last Post was played, followed by a minute's silence.

The familes of those who died attended the ceremony and were presented with honours by General Sir David Richards, who is soon to take over as head of the Army.

Celebration

The General, who is Commander in Chief Land Forces and Colonel Commandant of the Gurkhas, then inspected the parade, presented campaign medals and spoke to soldiers about their experiences.

Following the parade the soldiers had organised a day of celebration on the fields of their Shorncliffe barracks.

Families were all in attendance as food was cooked while the soldiers took part in tug of war competitions and impromptu golf.

Around 630 members of the unit – known as 2RGR – deployed to Afghanistan last October. They were involved in a number of roles, including working with the Afghan Police and Army, securing the district centre of Musa Qaleh and manning patrol bases just a few hundred yards from areas where insurgents operated.

During the tour they were also involved in several fierce and prolonged battles.



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Fundraiser for Di's school

A CONCERT held at the school once attended by the Princess of Wales has been organised by the sister of Dodi Al-Fayed.

Socialite Camilla Al-Fayed was just 12 when her brother and Diana, pictured, were killed in the infamous Parisian car crash of 1997. Today she is the ambassador of the New School at West Heath, Sevenoaks, that uses education to rebuild the lives of traumatised children.

This Thursday, a crowd of about 500 are expected to attend the Lawnfest concert, which will run from 6.30-10.30pm and form part of the Sevenoaks Festival.

Camilla told Kent on Sunday: "I wanted to give the children a chance to work alongside professionals and create a fantastic event that has a positive financial impact upon them.


Princess Diana

"West Heath is close to both my family's heart and mine, and we have watched it develop into an incredible school over the past 11 years.

"I've spent a lot of time there of late and realise how important it is for these children to have the best guidance and education due to their mainstream education breaking down."

Former X Factor contestant Hannah Bradbeer and Frank Sinatra impersonator Anthony Adams – from the BBC's The One and Only – will headline the concert, tickets for which cost £10 and can be purchased either at the gate or by calling 01732 450305.

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Agricultural expert fears a food crisis

Farms must change or we'll starve

A RADICAL overhaul of food production is urgently needed or the UK will face food shortages, a farming expert has warned.

Dr Howard Lee, who runs the sustainable land management course at Hadlow College near Tonbridge, said that in as little as five years we are heading for "serious food scares".

"We are going to be facing some potential food shortages and we really need to start doing something radical," he said. "The degree I'm running produces graduates energised to make phenomenal changes. We need to overhall food production."

He said the UK needed to improve its domestic food production: "We need to be more self-sufficient but levels have been dropping over the years. Most British politicians are beginning to realise this really is a crisis. It is one of the many problems we face but one of the most critical.

Droughts

"In a few years imports will be affected by all sorts of issues. For example, the fruit and veg market will find various problems because they are transported by diesel and the price of oil is going back up and it is expected to keep going up. This will impact on the feasibility of moving produce."

Dr Lee's warnings come as the Government published its UK Climate Prediction 2009, which forecasts that unless emissions are significantly reduced, average temperatures will rise by 3-5C by the 2080s. Rainfall will reduce by 50 per cent in the summer and increase by 30 per cent in the winter. There will be more summer droughts and more flash floods.

The report predicts the damage already done means temperatures will be 2C warmer by 2040. And the South East will warm more than other parts of the country.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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Dr Lee said: "Climate change and freaky weather is very bad news for agriculture.

"We will not have some glorious Mediterranean climate, it will be hot but there will be more flash floods."


WARNING: Howard Lee

To cope with a reduced availability of fertilisers and pesticides, which rely on minerals and fossil fuels, the cereal farms of eastern England would have to reintroduce livestock so natural waste would make it easier to build up soil fertility.

He said farmers would have to adapt but not enough was being done to help them reduce their reliance on pesticides and fertilisers.

Dr Lee said people in urban areas, 80 per cent of the population, would suffer from the affects of food shortages first.

"There is enough being done", he said. "The Mayor of London's food guru is pushing for rooftop production in London, but that needs to be rolled out more aggressively. Areas around towns and cities need to be redeveloped as market gardens to feed people in cities."

Climate change and a growing global population, which is putting pressure on land for housing and infrastructure, means less land is available for food production.

Dr Lee believes the answer is education, he said: "We need to train people to tackle these issues, but we need to be radical now because for far too long we have been drifting along and not changing anything.

"We have not been doing enough and now it is reaching crisis point."

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STARK MESSAGE: Fiona King, inset, gathered with other amputees to raise awareness for Diabetes Week

Diabetes ruined dancer's career

A SUCCESSFUL ballet dancer had her career cut short when she was diagnosed with diabetes as a teenager – then suffered a savage MRSA infection that destroyed half of her left foot, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

Now Fiona King has to strap her leg to a brace, use a hand-controlled car, and is trying to put out of her mind that she could eventually lose the entire limb.

Fiona, 49, from Canterbury, spoke to Kent on Sunday about the rise and fall of her career: "I had been a ballet dancer since I was five. Then when I was 19 I was told I had type 1 diabetes. Like any teenager I didn't take it seriously enough, but I should have done. No teen thinks about what life would be like in decades, but they must."

Fiona trained at the Ballet Rombert in London. She said: "I danced for about 12 years after being diagnosed with diabetes before I finally got too ill to carry on. I went into kidney failure in 2004. All that time I had been battling the diabetes, and it got the better of me at 34."

But her troubles were only just beginning. After being on dialysis since 2002, the dancer underwent a kidney and pancreas transplant at Guy's Hospital in 2006.

Amputation

She said: "I came home, but then I noticed some hard skin on the heel of my foot, it turned out to be MRSA.

"It spread and the doctors were not able to do anything, and in the end they said I had to have my left heel amputated. They wanted to take my whole leg, but as a dancer I pleaded with them not to.

"I have no heel, no Achilles and no underneath of my foot. I need special shoes, and a leg brace to my knee. Without that, my leg would collapse. It's like walking on my knuckles and you can't do that for long. I am still on the journey to recovery."

Fiona added: "My message to young people is to take diabetes very, very seriously.

"The emphasis is that if you stay healthy and eat healthy, you will be OK, but when you are young you think you can get away with anything. You think there is always tomorrow, but sometimes there's not. If it can happen to me it can happen to anyone."

Fiona, who is making a short film on her life, was among a group of amputees who gathered at London's O2 Arena last week as part of Diabetes Week to raise awareness of the dangers of amputation.

A report showed that diabetes patients were at risk of having limbs amputated if hospitals do not regularly check them for infection and make them aware of the dangers of the condition.

Putting Feet First, a study by the charity Diabetes UK and NHS Diabetes, called for people with diabetes to have their feet examined at least once a year, and whenever they are admitted to hospital.

Diabetes is the leading cause of lower-limb amputation in the world and around 5,000 people in the UK with diabetes undergo leg, foot or toe amputations each year – equivalent to 100 a week.

First high-speed bullet train fired into London

THE first glimpse of domestic high speed rail travel in the country was revealed on Thursday with a return trip between St Pancras and Ashford International.

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Paul Clark MP for Gillingham and Rainham and minister for transport said: "Companies invest in places that have good transport links. This will improve connections to the capital and to Europe."

The journey to London will certainly be quick. The dash to St Pancras with no stops was just under half an hour in the preview.

However, travellers do not get to see much of the countryside. Not only because it is a blur as it rushes past at 140mph, but also half the journey is spent in tunnels.

The new service has not been universally welcomed. The increased fares and new destination do not suit everyone, but Southeastern is confident that once passengers have experienced the journey, the trains will fill up.

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See Hollywood classics in the great outdoors

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HOLLYWOOD classics will return to the big screen when some of Kent's most idyllic locations play host to a series of open-air cinemas.

Ridley Scott's Gladiator will fittingly be shown within the confines of a Roman amphitheatre as part of The Screen On The Green line-up, while Edward Scissorhands will be made to feel at home among the hedgerows at Walmer Castle, Deal.

The August series – which will be launched at St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury, with a screening of the Marilyn Monroe comedy Some Like It Hot – is the brainchild of 27-year-old Kent actor George Wood.

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He told Kent on Sunday he was looking forward to recreating the success his venture generated in London last summer.

George said: "I always wanted to bring it to Kent because I think some of the towns here are really badly served when it comes to cinemas, and this is just a really nice way to spend a summer's evening.

"But the films will become almost secondary to the beautiful venues they'll be shown in, some of which do not have the high profiles they deserve.

"We've tried to tailor the films to the locations they're being screened at, so it should be great to watch a modern-day classic like Gladiator at Richborough Roman Fort. As soon as I suggested the idea to English Heritage, which owns the site, they loved it and were straight on board.

Special guest

"Obviously I don't think I'd have had the same kind of support had I wanted to screen The Exorcist at Canterbury Cathedral."

Other locations signed up to The Screen On The Green include the manor houses of Nursted Court in Meopham, and Cobham Hall.

Baz Lurhmann's Romeo and Juliet, the cult rock comedy This Is Spinal Tap and the classic Breakfast at Tiffany's round out the collection of films, with the latter being introduced on-screen to audiences by a very special guest.

Former Deal resident George said: "Mickey Rooney is the only surviving member of the golden age of Hollywood and I was lucky enough to perform alongside him in pantomime once. I told him what I was planning to do with The Screen On The Green and said I would love him to introduce Breakfast at Tiffany's, which he starred in back in 1961.

"He agreed and it's just a completely unique piece of footage because he hardly ever does interviews anymore. To receive

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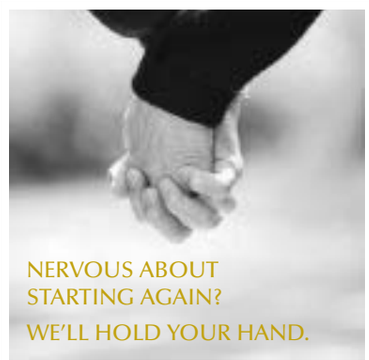
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SHOWING AT IDYLLIC SPOT NEAR YOU: (Left to right) Some Like it Hot, Gladiator and This is Spinal Tap



SCREEN ON THE GREEN: (Left to right) Edward Scissorhands, Breakfast at Tiffany's and Baz Lurhmann's Romeo and Juliet

his blessing was amazing."

A former history student at the University of Manchester, George grew up in a family of entertainers and went on to star in the West End musical Oliver!, as well as become a presenter of the 1990s children's television show The Disney Club.

He said he came up with the idea for The Screen On The Green when he was temporarily forced to give up acting after breaking his leg in a scooter accident.

George said: "I didn't know what I was going to do with myself at first because I knew it was going to be five or six months before I could act again. But then I had the idea of putting on open-air cinemas, which are quite a big deal in America.

"I obviously knew the weather could be a problem but I organised one in London and it completely sold out. I feel passionately about it being as successful in Kent and I hope people will see it as the ultimate night out."

Tickets for The Screen On The Green cost £8.50.

For a full list of dates, locations and films, visit www.thescreenonthegreen.com.

War films celebrate heroes

A FESTIVAL showing classic World War Two films has been organised to run alongside celebrations for Armed Forces Day.

The Historic Dockyard Chatham is hosting the first Armed Forces Day next Saturday. The event will feature a parade through the town centre and a Royal salute.

There will also be displays, activities and a fly past by the Red Arrows, and Hurricane, Spitfire and Lancaster planes of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

One of the film festival's highlights will be A Matter of Life and Death, starring David Niven. It was written, produced and directed by Michael Powell in 1946. Powell was born in Bekesbourne near Canterbury, and went to school at the Kings School in the city.

He went into movie making in 1925, and was nominated for Oscars three times before his death in 1990.

A Matter of Life and Death was named the second greatest British film ever in a 2004 poll of 25 movie critics for Total Film magazine, behind the original Get Carter.

The British Armed Forces Veterans' Film Festival is at the Central Theatre, Chatham, and starts on Wednesday, June 24, with a screening of the 1942 film In Which We Serve at 3pm, followed by A Matter of Life and Death at 7.30pm.

The following day there are screenings Carve Her Name With Pride, followed by the 1969 classic Battle of Britain, which was largely made in the skies of Kent where The Few were based at airfields scattered around the county, including Biggin Hill and Hawkinge.

Each film will include a brief introduction by host Nick Walker and tickets cost £5, but veterans can pay £2.50 for up to two tickets, but they need to show their badge when purchasing.

A Medway Council spokesman said: "It's also an opportunity for younger filmgoers to experience the classics on the big screen for the first time."

Meanwhile, tomorrow, veteran Tony Richards, 82, from Hempstead, Gillingham, will help raise the flag in celebration of Armed Forces Day.

For more information on the film festival, phone the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking.





The county's non-Tory councillors are few in number and face a daunting task

'Democracy needs

The Kent County Council elections this month saw the Tories swept back to power after taking 74 of the 84 seats at County Hall. Such a crushing victory has raised questions about democratic accountability and how effectively 10 opposition councillors can scrutinise the decisions of the ruling party. Here, Lib Dem (seven seats), Labour (two) and Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association (one) members explain to STEVE KNIGHT and JENNA PUDELEK how they plan to be more than token opposition

A SCRUTINY hotline and greater public involvement are among the Liberal Democrats' plans to stop the Conservatives abusing their massive majority at County Hall.

KCC's chamber of 84 seats is now made up of 74 Tories, seven Lib Dems, two Labour and one Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association after the June 4 local election.

Cllr Trudy Dean, now the leader of the opposition, said scrutinising the council's work would be the greatest challenge for the party, which won two seats and lost one at the polls.

"We've already said we're not going to be able to do that without the help and support of Kent residents," she said. "We want a hotline to the scrutiny committee for the public to use. This would mean we are able to pick up more on the issues people are concerned about."

The Lib Dems have been accused of being too complacent to provide a productive opposition to the Conservatives in Kent.

Cllr Dean, who spoke to Kent on Sunday while on holiday in Spain this week, said: "There is evidence we have been sensible about what we choose to oppose.

"We do not support everything, but we do not oppose everything either. If people put something sensible forward we will not oppose them.

"To give an example, we got the bonus levels of chief officers and brought them into the open. They have now been referred to the personnel committee.

"It is about being practical, getting things moving and making a real difference."

Cllr Dean put the Tories' sweeping victory down to a mixture of general discontent with the Government, the Conservatives' deep roots in Kent and people voting for minor parties after the MPs' expenses scandal.

Her party's aims for the next four years are to include more people in council processes, reduce waste and improve the county's roads.

"We want to make the council more critical of itself in a constructive way," she said. "We want to make changes with the help of the public.

"We will establish scrutiny hotline, but also we want to involve the public more in the work we do.



TRUDY DEAN: Opposition leader

"I'm looking into council services and making members of the public form part of select committees."

Cllr Dean said that if, for example, a select committee was carrying out work on children with autism, it would be "immensely valuable" to ask parents of autistic children to take part.

"Also I think young people should be involved," she said.

"They have the youth council, but are still peripheral to the work we do."

Cllr Dean said County Hall's Kent TV internet channel needed to be working on a commercial basis by now' or the authority should stop providing funding.

"It was crystal clear during the election campaign that the delivery of road repairs remains a major issue. People wanted to complain about it.

"In the last two to three years, £17 million has been spent on bureaucratic reorganisation but there have not been many improvements. In fact in some areas it has actually got worse."

LABOUR could have maintained a larger presence on KCC had members focused more on issues affecting their own wards.

That was the message from one of the party's two remaining councillors, Leslie Christie, who along with Cllr Elizabeth Green will now represent more than 80,000 Labour voters between them at County Hall.

Cllr Christie, who was re-elected in Northfleet and Gravesend West, said the likes of his former leader Mike Eddy and the rest of the shadow cabinet might have fared better at the polls had they spent less time at their desks.

He said: "The day I was re-elected there was also a Gravesham council by-election when Labour gained a seat from the Conservatives, and they were the only green shoots for the party in Britain.

"You don't win an election in the three weeks leading up to it, it's the four years before that count. That sustained us because



FIGHTING BACK: Cllr Elizabeth Green



in holding KCC's 74 Conservative members to account during the next four years

strong opposition'

people know our faces and know we are looking out for them. The lesson to be learned is you can't win an election from your desk at County Hall."



LABOUR MAN: Cllr Leslie Christie

Before the election Labour held 20 seats and was the official opposition. Having now lost that role to the Lib Dems, many feel the ongoing MPs' expenses scandal and general disillusionment felt towards the Government was to blame for the collapse of the Labour vote.

Cllr Christie said: "Certainly on the doorsteps I spent the first five minutes explaining to people that county councillors do not have second homes. Getting past that barrier was by far the biggest issue we had to contend with."

Cllr Green, who was re-elected in Ramsgate and was a former shadow cabinet member, agreed, and felt those voters who ousted her colleagues may live to regret their decisions.

She said: "I think voters were understandably very angry about the expenses issue in particular, but I had some excellent colleagues who all worked incredibly hard and it was quite sad really that so many lost their seats. It's a shame, but I'm looking forward to them coming back at the next elections. I think that will happen when residents realise we need a strong opposition."

With no leader or shadow cabinet to follow, Cllr Christie admitted he and Cllr Green would have no choice but to "pick and choose" the issues they wanted to fight.

He added that it was a struggle to oppose the Tories when there were 20 Labour councillors, let alone just two. However, Cllr Green was slightly more optimistic. She said: "Leslie and I get on extremely well and I think we can work together well too.

"We can still be a voice for residents and we can still bring important issues to their attention. Our party wasn't in the majority before the elections and, however small it is now, we can still fight for what we believe in."

VICTORY in the county council elections has completed a remarkable rise to prominence for the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association.

Formed in 1979 to combat unwanted changes to the rubbish collection schedule in the towns, the group has now grown so strong it holds all 20 places on the local town council as well as six on Dartford's district authority.

And on a day when Labour was nearly wiped off the KCC map, house-husband Richard Lees was left standing tall as the association's first representative at County Hall.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I think it comes down to the fact that we live here and face the same trials and tribulations as everybody else. We always put local issues first – there are no party politics involved. That said, I was a little surprised when I won.

"I didn't anticipate success, although some other councillors felt strongly we would get in this year because we've gained a growing share of the vote over the last four or five elections.

"I'm entering quite an uncertain environment, but I'm elated to be doing so. It's a victory for democracy." The final count revealed 37-year-old Cllr Lees had no need for concern, as he was the clear favourite among the people of Swanscombe and Greenhithe. He won with 1,204 votes – 346 more than Tory candidate Sheila East – while Labour's Val Ashenden lost her seat after claiming just 405.



ON THE MAP: Cllr Richard Lees

Cllr Lees said he could see no reason why more residents' associations could not have similar success elsewhere in the county. He said: "I would love to see more groups like ours win seats at KCC. That's not to diminish what the main parties have achieved, but I just think the idea of residents looking after themselves is a brilliant way of using democracy.

"That's the way forward and I'm disappointed we don't see more of it.

"Normally county councillors are only independent because they have left their party after they've been elected.

"Val Ashenden suffered from the national collapse of the Labour vote, but I don't think it helped that she lives outside the area. That may not seem important, but it was to the residents of Swanscombe and Greenhithe."

Cllr Lees, who also represents the Knockhall ward of the town council, said he had always considered getting into politics but that he did not know which party to align himself with.

He said: "I used to be a union member when I worked in the civil service so I never felt comfortable voting Tory, and in recent years I've not felt comfortable voting Labour either.

"I found the option of the residents' association an attractive one and I voted for them before I joined as a councillor. I'm not sure how much influence I'll be able to have, but it'll be fun finding out. I'm hoping that while remaining independent I'll still be able to work well with councillors from the main parties.

"Just from spending a couple of days at County Hall I've realised the issues faced by the people of Swanscombe and Greenhithe are the same as those faced by people throughout Kent, such as the state of the roads and paths.

"They may seem like relatively simple problems, but they can have a real impact on the whole community."

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Sex assault investigation

DETECTIVES are investigating a sex attack which took place in a town centre alleyway.

The alleyway in Maidstone High Street was cordoned off for several hours on Monday while forensic officers searched for evidence.

A police spokeswoman confirmed the incident was a sexual assault. It is believed to have happened during the early hours of Monday morning.

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Bank employee's salary is doubled, by mistake

IT'S the stuff dreams are made of – a bank worker is mistakenly paid double her usual wages, and then a court rules she can keep the cash.

And she can keep on collecting the overpayment, too.

Barclays worker Natasha Keenan was amazed to discover she had been paid too much, and then fought tooth and nail to hold on it to.

Astonishingly, she has now won her case and will be kept on at work at the new higher rate.

Mrs Keenan took the matter to an employment tribunal after her bosses, who had realised the overpayment, cut her pay in half just days before Christmas.

The bank also wanted back the £20,000 in wages already paid to her. But Mrs Keenan, a mother of two, was having none of it.

Now a tribunal has ruled the part-time complaints advisor can hang on to the cash, as it was the bank's fault in the first place.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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The 36-year-old will continue to receive £19,246-a-year for working 19 hours a week at the bank's offices in Dartford, following the conclusion of the hearing which started in April. Her actual pay should be around the £9,500-a-year mark.

Employment tribunal chairman Martin Kurrein said: "I am confident that if Mrs Keenan had known Barclays had made a mistake, she would have informed them."

Mrs Keenan, who lives in nearby Erith, is delighted, and backed the tribunal's ruling

She said: "If I had realised they'd made a mistake with my salary, which could be spotted at any time, I wouldn't have put my family's future at risk and used it to apply for a mortgage.

"I certainly wouldn't have asked Barclays for a reference.

"I have repeatedly allowed Barclays staff access to my account.

"I clearly stated my salary when I applied for a Barclaycard.

"My manager and team leader must have known what I was getting paid."

Barclays is less than impressed with the outcome. A spokesman said: "We have no further comment at this stage as the decision and its impact remains a confidential matter between the bank and its employee.

"However we can confirm that Mrs Keenan remains a valued employee of the company."

The bank has already withdrawn its demand for the £20,000.

The tribunal had been told she was spending the windfall and even used her inflated pay slips to apply for a mortgage on the three-bedroom house she shares with husband Brent, 31, and their children Leo, four, and 14-month-old Sunny.

She is now expecting another child.

Landlord fined over fire risks

A LANDLORD has been fined £1,550 for failing to ensure his property was fire safe.

Jawid Sied, of Northdown Road in Cliftonville, was prosecuted at Margate Magistrates' Court on Thursday, where he pleaded guilty to contravening Article 31 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service said the fine was for failing to ensure fire safety measures were in place at a property in Northdown Road he was renting to multiple occupants.

John Pereira, the service's head of technical fire safety, said: "We welcome the size of the penalty as this sends a message to landlords across the county that they must take fire safety seriously or we will prosecute them.

"We are currently working with Mr Sied to ensure the property in question is brought up to the required standards."

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COSTLY: Tertius Wharton's parents have been paying £5,000-a-term, while the council has instead shelled out to keep open a place for him at a different school

School place scandal 'is an irrational waste of cash'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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"INCOMPETENT and a scandalous waste of taxpayers' money" is a mother's judgement on Kent County Council over its handling of her dyslexic son's schooling.

Tertius Wharton, 17, has been attending the progressive £5,000-a-term Summerhill School for six years, but the authority has insisted the school is not suitable for him and instead continued to pay out fees totalling £87,000 for a special school place near Sevenoaks.

His mother Joy Wharton, from Wouldham near Rochester, said: "I think Kent's actions have been irrational, duplicitous, incompetent and on occasions, malicious.

"No-one other than Kent disputes the suitability of Summerhill for Tertius and the progress he has made. The waste of taxpayers' money is nothing short of a scandal."

After a long-running battle, the family took the case to judicial review at London's High Court after securing legal aid. The case was heard last Thursday, and is now awaiting the judge's ruling.

The Whartons can no longer afford to pay out the fees for Summerhill in Suffolk where Tertius has been a boarder, and want KCC to pay for the teenager's final year.

But the authority is refusing to pay the fees unless Tertius, who has ADHD and dyslexia and is about to sit his International GCSEs, moves to The New School in West Heath.

Jonathan Shaw, disabilities minister and MP for Chatham and Aylesford, is supporting the family. He said: "I think it is a regrettable waste of public money. Summerhill was very satisfactory and significantly cheaper than what was proposed in Sevenoaks. I think it was more about winning the argument than what was best for Tertius and the taxpayer."

Best interest

Mrs Wharton said: "The fact that Kent want to effectively force Tertius to move to West Heath, which is no doubt a good school but one with a completely different ethos, and during his GCSE year, would have been traumatic for any child let alone one with special educational needs.

"This makes a total mockery of Kent's claim that they have always been acting in 'the best interests of the child'. They should be ashamed of themselves."

She said her son was about 10 when it was decided he needed more support than a mainstream school could offer.

He risked being excluded for his behavioural problems. Mrs Wharton said she had been aware of Summerhill, which was founded by Alexander Sutherland Neill, a pioneer of democratic or 'free' schooling.

In 2003, KCC refused to name Summerhill on Tertius' statement of SEN, which is his statutory right to a certain level of support that local authorities must provide, such as a place at a special school. Kent education bosses named The New School, which is owned by Mohamed Al Fayed and is where Diana, Princess of Wales, went.

The family appealed against the decision after Tertius attended the school for 10 days to see if he liked it. But the SEN and Disability Tribunal refused their claim.

After a second appeal failed, Mrs Wharton said: "We carried on struggling to pay the fees and continued to watch Tertius thrive and blossom at Summerhill."

After his father's business suffered in the economic downturn, Tertius won legal aid to take his case to the High Court.

Mrs Wharton added: "Even if we lose we had the satisfaction of the judge stating that Summerhill has delivered a good education for Tertius in the light of his needs, and we were genuinely acting at all times in the best interests of our son. That meant a lot to us."

Asked why he believes Summerhill worked for him, Tertius said: "It was the freedom of it. It is a really nurturing place teaching people to be themselves instead of fitting into roles like the state system. All the people from when they leave are so empathetic, it is one of the main things about Summerhill."

He talked about being part of a community and respected and not judged by teachers.

"I don't feel upset, I just think there are a lot of other kids in the same situation as me... That is what gives me the will to fight on."

Labour minister Mr Shaw added: "That money could have been put to good use elsewhere. I hope they have recognised that at the local authority and that they will think before this happens again. It is a shocking waste of public money."

A KCC spokeswoman said: "Because the case is under judicial consideration in the High Court we would not wish to make a statement at this time."

Driver is charged in road rage case

A MAN has been charged with criminal damage and common assault after an alleged incident in St Peter's Road, Margate, this month.

A woman was left shaken after a man allegedly got out of his car, shouted obscenities and kicked and punched her vehicle.

Paul Miller, 43, of Grosvenor Gardens, Margate, was arrested and charged on Thursday. He is due to appear at Margate court on Thursday, July 2.

Det Con Sara Jackson is investigating and would still like to speak with anybody who witnessed the alleged incident, which took place at about 5.45pm on Thursday, June 4.

They can email 9327@kent.pnn.police.uk, or call 01843 222067. Alternatively call Kent Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Court skirmish ends with arrest

AN ATTACK on a defendant at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on Wednesday has led to a man being arrested.

Police said the 38-year-old was arrested on suspicion of assault and affray after an incident inside the court building at 9.40am.

He was questioned by officers in custody at Sittingbourne police station.



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Information to PS Darren Ryder on 01622 690055.



LOCALLY GROWN: Sean Figgis at work on his farm

Farm's berry own variety is a tasty hit

A NEW variety of strawberry developed in Kent is going on sale in the South East as part of a supermarket's plan to stock local produce on its shelves.

By CHRIS MURPHY
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Peter Vinson, 65, has worked with soft fruits all his life and is widely regarded as one of the UK's best breeders of new varieties.

His nephew Sean Figgis then grows them on 200 of the 600 acres they have spread across four farms in the Faversham area.

Now supermarket giant Tesco has agreed to put the new variety, called Sweet Eve, on its shelves until October.

It said the demand for locally grown strawberries and other produce means it has searched for the best suppliers around the UK.

Mr Figgis runs Edward Vinson Ltd, which has been farming for five generations.

His uncle has handed over the running of the farm to focus his attention on developing new strawberry varieties, along with other fruits like raspberries and blueberries.

What started as a hobby 22 years ago has turned into a major growing programme supplying nine million strawberry plants to the industry every year.

Sweet Eve is an 'everbearer' variety, which means it will continue to fruit all summer long.

The berries are characterised by their intense flavour, aroma and sweetness, and are a true Kent strawberry having been bred, propagated and grown in the county.

The strawberries are currently priced at £1.99 for 454g in Tesco stores throughout the region, and can be identified by new labels.

Mr Figgis said: "These are special because they are incredibly sweet. They are firm on the outside, but inside they are very, very sweet.

"We feel, and consumer testing has proved, this is one of the best strawberries available.

"This is the first year there have been enough to sell to supermarkets. Before that it was just grown for tasting.

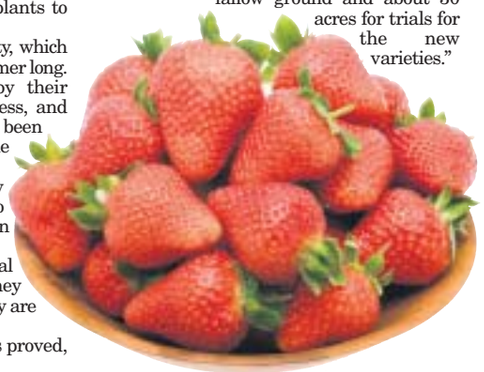
"They have been bred in Faversham by my uncle who is extremely busy on new varieties.

"He is never satisfied and always wants to get something that is a little bit better and is Britain's foremost breeder.

"We want to sell locally as it is better for the environment. It doesn't make sense sending our fruit to Scotland and they send theirs down here."

The 38-year-old said they produce 1,900 tonnes of strawberries each year on the 200 acres, and hopes that will rise by about 10 per cent year on year on the back of these new varieties.

He said: "We also grow about 120 tonnes of raspberries, and some blueberries now which will be sold locally, and the rest is corn and fallow ground and about 30 acres for trials for the new varieties."



Festival is pick of the crop

THE season's first cherries from the world-famous Brogdale Farm in Faversham are ready, and have kick-started the 2009 season of heritage fruit.

The cherry has been around in the UK since AD46, and its many varieties will be celebrated in Kent at Britain's largest Cherry Festival at Brogdale Farm on July 11-12.

It will feature over 50 different varieties of cherries to taste and buy from the more than 300 varieties growing in the orchards.

Among the early varieties to ripen this year are Early Rivers – an early black variety raised from seed by Thomas Rivers, a Sawbridgeworth nurseryman.

It was first produced in 1872 and quickly became the best quality early black variety in commercial cultivation.

The Festival weekend will also include fruit identification and advice from experts, talks and demonstrations on planting a fruit garden, basic grafting demonstrations, planning and care of allotments, organic gardening and flower arranging.

Cherries can be used in cooking too, and live demonstrations with top Kent chef Scot Anderson will keep audiences enthralled.

There'll be tours of the orchards, a gundog display, produce and plant stalls, summer bar and BBQ, and events for children.

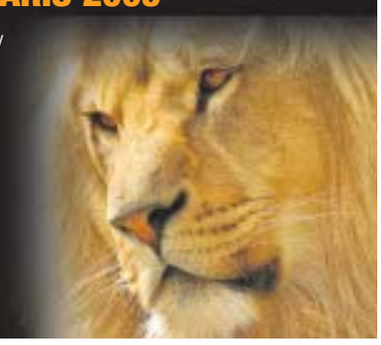
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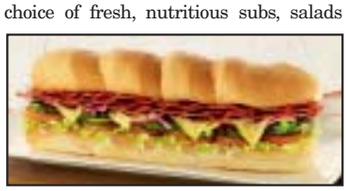
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Olympic support for charity race

GOLD medallist Jamie Staff will be waving the starting flag at the Lydden Bikeathon Kidz event today.

The fundraising ride will raise cash for the Leukaemia Research charity.

The sprint cyclist, who is from Ashford and won his medal the Beijing Olympics in 2008, said: "This is a great opportunity for families to get on their bikes and enjoy a fun, healthy day out while also raising money for charity.

"I really hope the bikeathon will inspire people to participate in cycling and sign up for this fantastic event."

The event at Lydden Race Circuit from 11am, is open to all ages from toddlers to adults. You can enter on the day from 10am.

Entry costs £3 if children register in advance or £5 if they enter on the day. Everyone who takes part receives a fundraising pack, colouring in activity booklet and a T-shirt, plus an Olympic-style medal.

For more details about Lydden Bikeathon Kidz go to www.bikeathonkidz.co.uk.

Push to get more disabled people into the workplace

By JENNA PUDELEK
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MORE than 35,000 people with a learning disability live in Kent – but only 17 per cent of them are in employment.

Helping more people with a learning disability into work is a key part of the Government's Valuing People Now strategy, which is aimed at ensuring choices, rights, independence and inclusion.

Liz Turner, support officer at Kent Supported Employment, which helps people with disabilities find jobs, said: "It is about people being treated equally.

"A big part of our work is educating employers about learning disabilities so they can see what people can contribute to the workplace."

Michael Catt, 44, has a learning disability and has been working for Kent Supported Employment, which is part of Kent County Council, for 18 years.

"I started out doing a lot of outside jobs and now I'm getting more office work," he said. "I enjoy the admin work. I enjoy meeting people and helping out other teams. Also I bump into some real characters, which is a bit of a laugh."

Mr Catt, who lives with his parents in East Peckham, has worked his way up from sweeping car parks at the offices to become an admin assistant. He carries out a range of tasks including checking emails, using the franking machine, archiving and handing out the post.

More support

Ms Turner, who works in the same building, said: "There are 165 people in this building and everybody knows Michael.

"It sounds a bit trite, but he really does add something to people's daily lives."

Mr Catt now wants to spend some of his wages on a supported holiday: "I want to go somewhere in England, not abroad, because my mum and dad have never been abroad. If I didn't work I would still be at the day centre. I prefer being at work because it gives me more freedom."

Ben Middleton, 17, from Dymchurch, has a learning disability and works part-time as a cleaner at Folkestone Academy while also attending South Kent College.

His job has changed his life, he said. "I can do stuff I have never been able to do before."

Ms Turner said: "It is about being part of something, like everyone else; socialising, meeting people and demonstrating skills as good as anyone else's, although they will need a bit more support."

She said employers were becoming more open to hiring people with learning disabilities, but often did not realise they could get Government funding to support them.

Other examples of people with learning disabilities who have been supported into work include Beth, who wanted to work with children. Ms Turner said she was now a volunteer at Pembury library during baby 'rhyme time' and at a toddlers' group.

Luke Woodcock gained an NVQ in hospitality and now works in a paid role at the Holiday Inn, Ashford, as a food and beverage assistant in the hotel bar and restaurant.

His mother Maureen said: "Since he started in June, 2008, we have noticed how much confidence he has gained. He enjoys and benefits from working to earn his own money."

KCC's adult social services team has contact will only 3,500 people with learning disabilities in the county. Dee Watson, KCC's Valuing People Now development manager, said: "Not all people who meet the criteria for support from social services have made themselves known, as they rely on family and close friends for support. This is especially true in ethnic minority communities.

"People with learning disabilities are one of the most disadvantaged groups of jobseekers.

"Recent studies have shown that about 17 per cent of people with learning disabilities have employment, and of these very few have full-time work."

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Neighbourhood officer PC Trevor Moody has been carrying out checks on Bossingham Road, outside Stelling Minnis Primary School, after parents raised concerns.

Over a four-day period, 243 vehicles were monitored and 178 were over the 30mph limit.

PC Moody intends to share the results with councillors with a view to getting the 30mph sign repositioned so drivers can slow down in time. Speeding has been raised previously as an issue at police surgeries and at a Partners and Community Together meeting.



'Gent' Calvin leads assault on the charts

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A MUSIC management firm that lists chart-topper Calvin Harris among its clients has secured another major record deal.

Three Six Zero Group, which has roots in Kent, has grown considerably and now looks after the careers of established stars as well as a host of young up-and-comers.

Canadian record producer Deadmau5 – real name Joel Zimmerman – is the firm's latest success story, having just signed a £1 million deal with EMI Music's Virgin label.

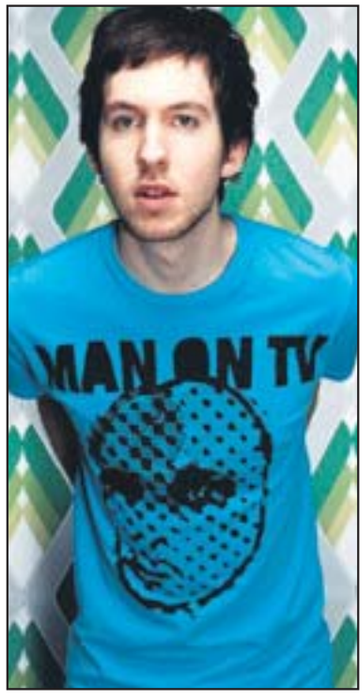
Former golf professional Andy Rutherford, 36, from West Malling, co-founded Three Six Zero with his friend Dean Wilson, 39, from Maidstone, and told Kent on Sunday he was delighted with the firm's growth.

He said: "It all started about 10 years ago as a hobby but one day we sat down and agreed to knuckle down and give it a real go and we haven't looked back. We have a great team who work extremely hard and to have acts that are breaking into the charts is just great.

"Now we want to continue to represent our clients as well as possible and help them become successful around the world."



NOW HEAR THIS: Andy Rutherford and Dean Wilson (back row, third and fourth left respectively) with staff and artists, including Deadmau5 (seated, centre)



GREAT SCOT: Three Six Zero's chart-topping dance musician Calvin Harris

Also home to the respected French DJ Fred Falke, Three Six Zero's hottest commodity is undoubtedly Calvin Harris. The 25-year-old Scot released his first album, I Created Disco, in 2007 and has since had two number ones, while also having worked with the likes of Kylie Minogue and Dizzee Rascal.

Mr Rutherford said Harris deserved the fame he had achieved.

He said: "It's all happened so quickly for him and he's now working on his second album, but he's an absolute gent. He works so hard every single day and is not the type to attend glamorous parties.

"He's really seizing the moment and enjoying every minute of it, and there are now offers coming in from artists around the world who want to work with him.

"Our co-director Mark Gillespie discovered Calvin on MySpace and came to us saying he really liked his sound, and we're obviously very pleased he did."

Now based in London, Three Six Zero still has an office in Sevenoaks and is looking to expand across the world to increase the opportunities available to its clients.

Mr Rutherford said: "We invest in artists we believe in before they're even close to signing a deal.

"We've financed their promos, developed software and created iPhone applications that have gone Top 10 internationally.

"We're slowly penetrating the whole market. It's quite simple – we want to be the best we can."

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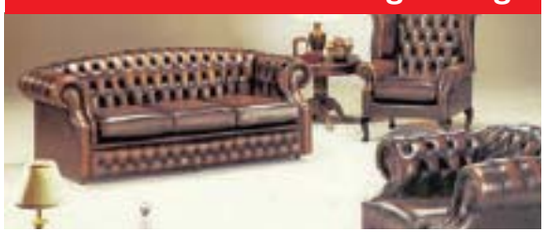


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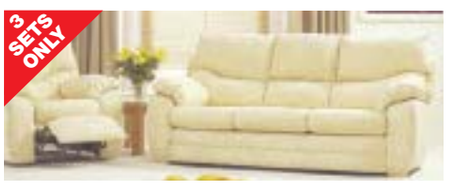
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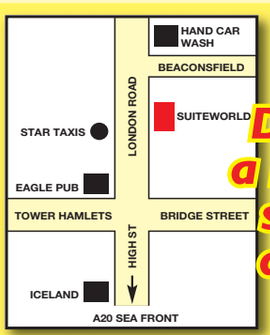
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Duck drained by the excitement

TAKING a duck to water sounds easy, but the process can become quite arduous when a duckling drops down a drain.

So it was lucky when company boss Ben McGannan – ironically he is the managing director of Water for Work and Home – noticed the tiny creature's distress. When Mr McGannan arrived at work in Marden to unload a van, he noticed a duckling with an agitated mother duck in the yard.

The birds were clearly distressed, so he gave them food and water, which calmed the mother down.

However, the duckling soon waddled off and fell down a storm drain in the yard.

Peering down into the drain, Mr McGannan was stunned to see the rest of the duck's brood peering up at him. Kent Fire and Rescue Service was alerted and sent a crew out to deal with the ducklings. They lifted off the hefty drain cover and scooped out the 14 ducklings.

After some relay work to a local reservoir, the mother was soon reunited with her entire family.



YARD BIRDS: Mum and baby ducks



TO THE RESCUE: Fire crew in action



SAFE AT LAST: Back at the reservoir

Mr McGannan said: "We always stress the importance of hydration to employers and their staff, but it was quite unusual to find a dehydrated duck in our yard.

"But with the fantastic response from the fire service we were able to get the ducklings back to their natural habitat without too much stress."

Fire crew manager Julian Hartley said: "It was the most unusual shout I've ever been on. When we got there we found the ducklings stuck two feet down the drain, so we prised the cover off with crowbars, and scooped them out. Unfortunately the mother had flown off, so it took half an hour to reunite them at the reservoir. But when we did it was a heartmelting moment."

The growing popularity of internet and social networking

Life is tweet for public services



LOG ON: The internet revolution is changing the way we live in Kent

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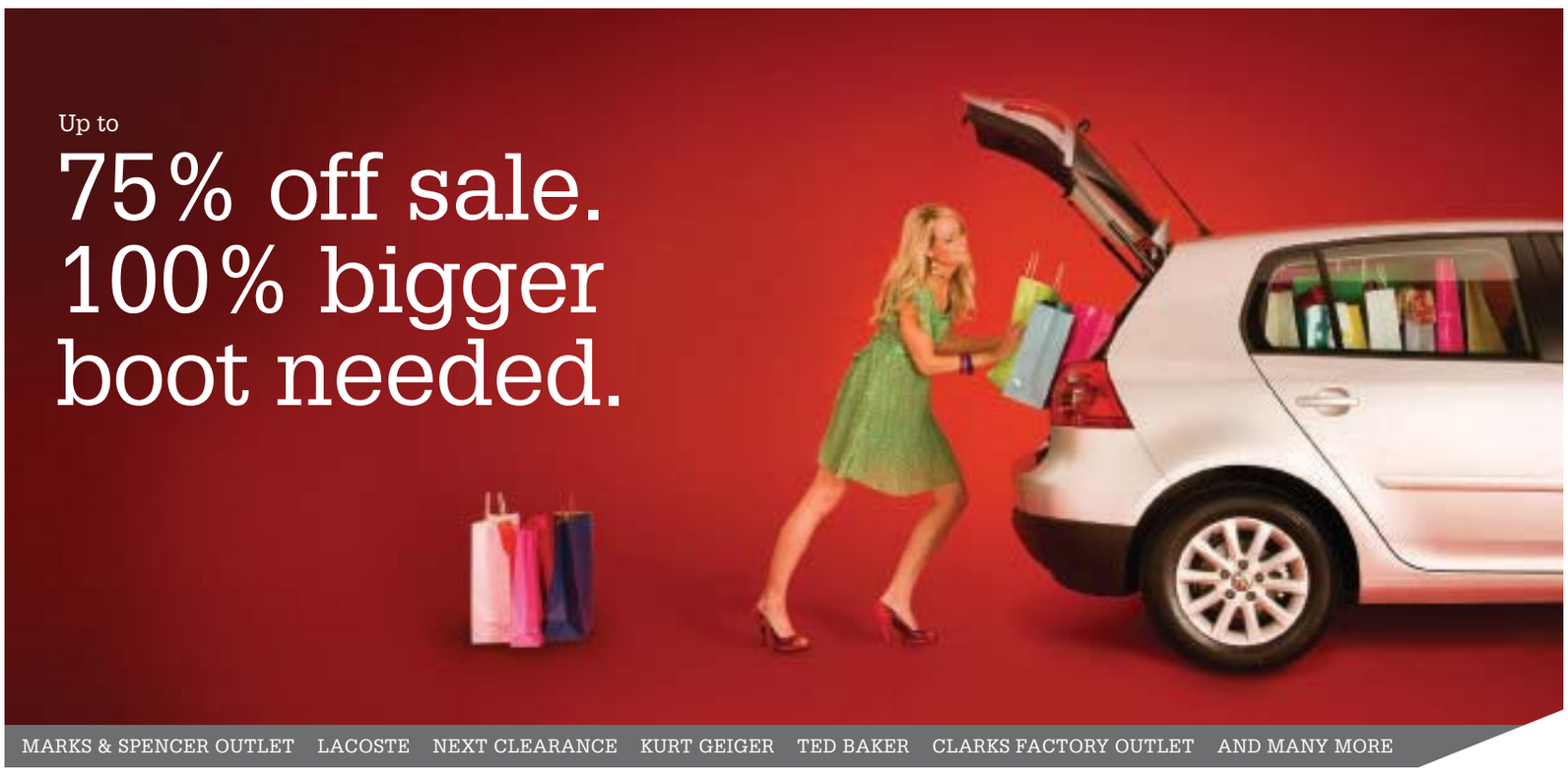
ONCE regarded as the exclusive domain of trendy students, social networking websites could soon play an important role in all our lives.

With Facebook now home to more than 200 million users and Twitter the fastest-growing site in the world, public bodies such as Kent County Council and Kent Police have had little choice but to come up with ways to get involved.

The end result could see us accessing important information like never before, whether viewing CCTV footage of a wanted criminal on YouTube, or getting to know election candidates better on Bebo.

KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy told Kent on Sunday he felt it was "vital" public bodies kept up with the internet boom, especially during the recession.

He said: "There is absolutely no doubt



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websites is changing the way we communicate with politicians, the police and each other

we will have a serious downturn in public expenditure across the board and we will have to find alternative ways to communicate with people.

"The world is changing and we must take that very seriously indeed. I sometimes feel we waste money on publications because they go through letterboxes and in most cases end up in the bin 30 seconds later.

"Now is the time to come up with creative ways of using these websites for the benefit of us all. It's possible that all council services will eventually be available online."



FUTURE: Peter Gilroy

Last month's emergency at Minster College on the Isle of Sheppey – where a roof collapsed, injuring students – demonstrated how useful a website like Twitter can be in relaying information.

In a series of 'tweets' posted by KCC's communications team, parents were given updates about what was happening at the school and whether or not they had cause for concern about their own children.

The Liberal Democrat group on the council is also aware of Twitter's growing popularity. One of the first things the party announced after its recent elections success was that it had signed up to the service.

Lib Dem Cllr Tim Prater said: "Twitter is another way people can engage with us, give us their thoughts, suggestions and problems. It doesn't replace any other way of talking with people – it adds to them.

"We are committed to listening to people and Twitter gives us another way of doing that, as well as keeping people in touch with what we are doing at County Hall and across Kent."



CONTACT: Derek Wyatt

With just 14 people signed up as 'fans' to Kent Police's official Facebook page, the force admits it is still in the early stages of developing its web strategy but that it was learning from other constabularies.

One site it has had success with so far is YouTube, where a fireworks safety demonstration posted in November received a million hits.

A spokesman said: "As more people are turning to the internet we must ensure we are also using those resources.

"Advances in technology mean we have an increased number of ways in which we can communicate, but we want to get it right rather than rush into the latest trend.

"So far we have created Kent Police pages on Facebook and YouTube and we look forward to increasing our presence on the internet, making us more accessible."







ONLINE: KCC, Kent Police and Sittingbourne MP Derek Wyatt all have a web presence

As co-chairman of the all-party communications group in the Commons, Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Derek Wyatt is no novice when it comes to the internet. His championing of the world wide web has earned him awards and at 59 he is living proof it is never too late to get to grips with a computer. Mr Wyatt said sites like Facebook and Twitter made it easier for constituents to keep in contact with him and the opportunities for both public and private sector bodies were limitless.

He said: "About two months ago I spent a morning teaching charity workers how to use certain websites and they couldn't believe how simple it was. Everyone will need to get online at some point because the industry is so huge now and people are in danger of being left behind. I receive regular reports as to how many people visit my official website and how many go to my social networking pages, and it's the latter that seem to attract the most.

"Social networking sites are a way of humanising the internet and have changed the way we communicate with one another."

Back at County Hall, Mr Gilroy said it was important the people who make decisions today are fully prepared for the future.

"My grandson was barely five when I bought him a Nintendo Wii and I was only out of the room for five minutes before he had connected it up to the television," he said. "I then played him at tennis and he thrashed me. Even people in their late 20s were not taught that much about the internet or computers at school so it's still relatively new, but it's here to stay and will become even more prolific."

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MP Ann would make a meal of Parliament





TOPS: Jane Wenham-Jones (right) and Ann Widdecombe

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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ANN Widdecombe will still be a hero in at least one woman's eyes should she fail to become Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Conservative MP for Maidstone and the Weald will find out tomorrow if she has been chosen to replace Michael Martin, who quit the job last month in the fallout of the expenses scandal.

Regardless of how she gets on, Miss Widdecombe will no doubt still be idolised by fellow Kent resident Jane Wenham-Jones after the popular author nominated her for inclusion in the new Help for Heroes cookbook.

The book – proceeds from which will go towards helping wounded Armed Forces personnel – sees a range of well-known personalities explaining who they would cook for and why.

Broadstairs resident Ms Wenham-Jones wrote: "My hero is definitely Ann Widdecombe, which has nothing to do with her politics and is all about the conviction she exudes.

"With her foghorn vowels and wonderful aura of 'matron knows best', she's an abiding constant in an uncertain world.

"Not for her woolly replies like 'I'm not sure' or 'I've never thought about that'.

"She is the ship of belief sailing majestically across the wish-wash of political correctness, tossing the namby-pamby aside in her wake.

"I particularly love her when she makes mincemeat of interviewers by disregarding their questions and only answering her own. Normally known for my gobbiness, I was reduced in the three seconds I was in her presence to gush and blush."

Despite being rejected countless times in her quest for a publisher, Ms Wenham-Jones has found success with a range of humorous novels since 1995, as well as more than 100 short stories for women's magazines.

Miss Widdecombe, who will give up her seat at the next general election, told MPs ahead of tomorrow's secret vote for a new Speaker that she had the "vulgar attributes" to help Parliament reconnect with the public.

Were Ms Wenham-Jones to concoct a meal for her hero, she said she would provide her with egg-mayonnaise sandwiches, hand-fried crisps and a bottle of champagne.

Miss Widdecombe told Kent on Sunday the meal would be "fine for a non-slimming day", adding: "I'm extremely flattered and look forward to reading about it."

Meanwhile, South Thanet Labour MP Dr Stephen Ladyman also contributed to the cookbook and selected Donald Campbell – the only man to set land and water speed records in the same year.

He said: "I chose Donald Campbell because, as a boy, he was my ultimate hero.

"When it dawned on me after the Bluebird crashed on Coniston Water that he was mortal like the rest of us, my admiration for the way he lived only increased."

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Firefighters save two from blaze

FIREFIGHTERS rescued two people from a burning house in Northfleet early on Tuesday evening.

Both were treated by ambulance staff who also attended the blaze in Marks Square, which had started at about 5.45pm and was tackled by crew members from four fire engines.

The cause of the fire, which was extinguished by 6.20pm, is not yet known.

Academy tunes in

A NEW community radio station is to be launched in Folkestone after winning approval from media regulator Ofcom.

Christened Academy FM, the station will broadcast from Folkestone Academy 24 hours a day after gaining a five-year licence.

A similar scheme under the Academy FM banner also has also the go-ahead at the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate.

Ofcom first launched its community radio licence five years ago, allowing small-scale, not-for-profit organisations to broadcast to specific communities or the wider public.

Fraud charges

THIRTEEN people facing charges of conspiracy to defraud a tour operator of around £235,000 will enter their pleas to the charges in September.

The initial arrests were made in relation to attempts to defraud Thomas Cook in October last year. The accused appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday after they were charged with fraud in April this year. All but one are from Kent.

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THE relocation of an entire village to prevent it toppling over a cliff is to be celebrated as part of a special anniversary exhibition.

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Kent Wildlife Trust is holding the event to mark 200 years since Reculver, near Herne Bay, was taken down and rebuilt away from the rapidly-eroding cliff's edge.

The conservation charity is also appealing for anyone with historic photographs, press cuttings or memories of the village since its move, to help contribute to the exhibition, which takes place next month.

Community education officer Julie Thomsett will be available at the event to recount the fascinating tale of the original Reculver – the last remaining remnants of which are the twin towers of a ruined 12th century church.

She said: "About 200 years ago the village was getting dangerously close to the edge of the cliff, which was eroding at a rate of about one metre a year.

"The people who lived here knew they had to do something or else everything they owned would fall into the sea, so they called a meeting and decided to move everything brick by brick.

"They loaded it all up in barrows and carts and took the entire village further inland to where it is now.

"The only thing they left was the church because they were told its tall towers and its position on the edge of the cliff made it an important shipping landmark.

"It was bought by (the lighthouse authority) Trinity House for about £100 and they put coastal defences around it, although today it's owned by English Heritage."

The Celebration of Reculver event will be held at Kent Wildlife Trust's newly-refurbished visitor centre in Reculver Country Park, between 10am and 4pm on Sunday, July 12.

As well as the collection of old photographs and press cuttings, there will also be information stalls about coastal erosion and renewable energy, as well as guided walks through the park.

Mrs Thomsett said: "There are probably lots of people out there with interesting stories about Reculver to tell.

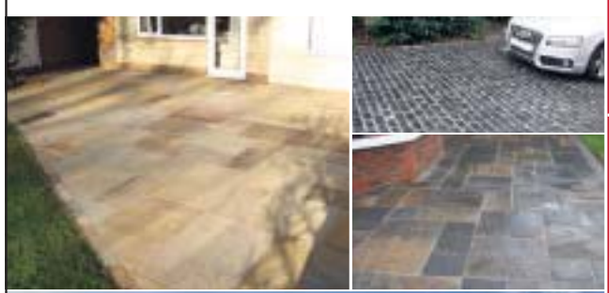
"Two hundred years is a long time, but I spoke to one elderly man recently who told me his grandparents were married in the original Reculver church, so there are still memories of the old village.

"In 1999, millions of pounds were spent on the latest coastal defences here, so we shouldn't have to move it all again in the foreseeable future."

Anyone who would like to contribute to the exhibition can call Mrs Thomsett direct on 07747 474361 or email julie.thomsett@kentwildlife-.org.uk.

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UFO seen after night at party

A 'JELLYFISH' UFO has been spotted over the county town.

The sighting was logged on a popular flying saucer website by someone calling themselves TL, and is backed by another witness called Diane Yarwood.

According to the witnesses, it was spotted on June 13 at just after 10pm.

TL wrote: "We'd just left a party, myself, hubby and our two teenagers, not far from the centre of Maidstone.

"Hubby was driving and I saw what I thought was a really bright plane light moving towards the town. It was bright orange and almost 'glowing' – but the movement seemed odd for a plane.

"We all tried to watch it, but houses blocked some of the view... As the kids and I turned to see where it had gone, another one rose behind. It was either much larger or closer – from the direction of the town. It moved in such a strange way, vertical where the first seemed to be travelling horizontally.

"It reminded us of a jellyfish but without the 'tendrils' hanging down. We've never seen anything like it. We have no idea what they were. They didn't move like anything I've seen before and the colour almost seemed to glow from within.

"I'd be interested to know what they were. I've never believed in UFOs... and still don't but this has baffled me!"

And Diane Yarwood added that she saw something similar: "Saw two orange lights 10.30ish coming from Maidstone over Oakwood Park, Tonbridge Road, from my home heading south.

"Went outside they had disappeared but as I looked over towards Tonbridge Road 12-14 orange lights came from south east and disappeared went back inside and told my partner he came out saw them too."



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Crime writer asks readers to help him make a killing

A CRIME author is drumming up public support for his thriller Garden of Evil in the hope it will win the genre's 'Oscar'.

David Hewson is up against 13 other major crime titles in the battle for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award.

He told Kent on Sunday: "The call came out of the blue and I have to say I am delighted to have been chosen to take part.

"I understand the public gets to vote for the winner, so I would urge everyone to vote for the Garden of Evil.

"I am up against some stiff opposition, but I am getting emails from people around the world saying they are going to vote for me, which is wonderful."

The award is backed by supermarket giant Asda, and Hewson, from Wye, was at the Ashford branch last week for a photo opportunity and to back his book.

Hewson is up against some of the biggest names in crime writing, including Rebus creator Ian Rankin, Reginald Hill for the latest Dalziel and Pascoe book, Jack Reacher author Lee Child, and Val McDermid.

The winner will be presented with £3,000 and a handcrafted Theakstons Old Peculier cask on the opening night of Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival on July 23, hosted by radio broadcaster, Mark Lawson.

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Ill Harry is a guest of honour at Grand Prix

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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A CASUAL game of football four years ago has sentenced a teenager to years of pain and anguish after his tibia was eaten away by a serious condition.

But to help put a smile on Harry Kenneally's face during his recovery, he will be a special guest at the British Grand Prix today, and may even get to meet racing stars like Jenson Button or Lewis Hamilton.

Harry, 14, was struck down by osteofibrosis dysplasia in November, 2005.

The disease affects the growth and development of bones – and Harry's hopes of a sporting life have been shattered.

His mother Louisa, 43, who is a full-time carer for Harry, said at her home in Margate: "It was only a little knock during a game of football.

"He took a bang to the shin, and a bruise came up. We thought nothing more of it, but then it seemed to get worse and worse, and eventually he was told he had osteofibrosis dysplasia.

"It has changed his life both physically and mentally because he loved all sports and was out on his bike a lot.

"From having all that to nothing is a major shock."

But now it will be full speed ahead for the Great Ormond Street Hospital patient who is a guest of honour of Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone at the British Grand Prix in Silverstone.

A year after his diagnosis, he had an operation to remove a 15cm section of his shinbone.

He has now been fitted with a frame that will stretch his leg until it is the same length as his other one.

Every day he has to turn the screws to make it longer, causing agonising pain in his leg.

Louisa said: "He is not doing so well at the moment. The bone is not bonding together as it should near his ankle.

"He is all done up again in plaster which means he can get around for a little while on crutches, but he is so looking forward to going to Silverstone with his aunt Gill McDermott."

Harry has an 'access all areas' pass and can watch the race from his VIP seat. He will also have the chance to go into some of the team garages.

If time is on his side, he will also get to meet some of the drivers and team bosses and perhaps even get behind the wheel of an F1 car.

Louisa said: "We are really excited and pleased he is going again. He went last year and loved it.

"He is a big F1 fan, so this is a dream for Harry."



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Traditional recipes to treat your dad with

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips brings us the latest in his series of articles backing our local food campaign



WITH the longest day coinciding with Father's Day this year, and thoughts turning to summer holidays and whether we will enjoy long lazy days basking in the sun or watch the rain falling endlessly from the sky, I thought it would be a good idea to have some recipes using traditional staple foods.

As the months pass from spring into summer and the basket from www.foodforkent.co.uk changes, it's great to see the impact of the changing seasons on the contents.

We can also see the diversity of what Kent has to offer and reflect on how it is easy to forget some of the joys which can come from foods that we often overlook or take for granted.

Right now we are getting some fabulous Dover sole and this can make a tasty meal when accompanied with fresh broad beans, peas and thinly sliced pancetta to bring out the subtle flavours of the fish.

Pancetta is simply pork belly which has been salt cured and dried for about three months and spiced with a variety of flavours such as garlic, fennel, and nutmeg and dried ground hot peppers.

It works ever so well with the fish and any pasta or casserole dish.

This recipe is quick and easy to prepare and one which would make the perfect Father's Day dish.

If you don't like Dover sole then you can substitute any flat fish for this recipe such as plaice, lemon sole or John Dory.

Last month we had strawberries in our basket and another unique-tasting British fruit is available in this month's: the gooseberry.

Gooseberries make a fantastic summer desert and can be the ideal complement to those warm summer evenings watching the sun go down.

The recipe is another classic, a gooseberry fool. The important thing to remember for this dish is to use nicely ripened gooseberries, but if you can't get hold of them fresh then frozen will suffice.

Both recipes are simple to make and will awaken your taste buds to a mixture of subtle and nostalgic flavours.

Range of flavours

The great thing about cooking for me, whether it is at one of my restaurants at Chapel Down, the Hengist, Thackeray's or even home, is ensuring I use everyday locally grown products where possible.

I am often amazed that customers are surprised by the delicacy and range of flavours; and yes, part of the reason for that success is in the preparation and use of complementary ingredients, but the freshness and quality of the produce is a huge factor.

Many people want to know how to recreate the dishes we serve and hopefully by providing these recipes it is a simple way to give you a chance to do this.

But for those of you who have been bitten by the cooking bug and want to know more, I run a couple of cookery schools.

These are great opportunities to show you how you can create stunning tasty meals for special occasions, as well as offering fantastic tips which you can use every day in your kitchen.

You can find out more information about the cookery schools and how to get involved by logging onto my website at www.richardphillipsatchapeldown.co.uk and clicking on the private cookery class button.

One of the classes may even make a fantastic Father's Day treat for your dad.

Hopefully many of you are now getting your fresh delivery from the guys at www.foodforkent.co.uk and some of you have even tried the recipes I have been writing about here.

I'd love to hear from you telling me about your cooking successes or failures, so please feel free to email me at richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk.

Also, if you have any food or cooking related questions and I'll definitely get back to you.

Richard Phillips



Pan fried fillets of Dover sole served with braised peas and pancetta

Serves 4
2 x med sized Dover sole, filleted x 4 pieces and skinned
400g fresh peas
200g fresh broad beans
Thinly sliced pancetta (cooked until crisp)
Pea cress to garnish
For the sauce
1 x banana shallot, finely chopped
150ml dry white wine
100g panchetta cut into lardons (small, chunky cubes)
Good pinch of chopped chervil (to finish)
25ml white wine vinegar
100ml double cream
Half a lemon

In a small sauté pan, warm up a little olive oil, add the diced shallot and cook with a little colour until tender.

Add the pancetta and cook until crisp and a golden brown colour is achieved, deglaze with the white wine and vinegar, and reduce by about two thirds.

Add the peas and broad beans, cook for 1-2 minutes, add the stock and cook for a further 5mins, then add the double cream and continue cooking until a sauce consistency is achieved (2-3mins), season. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and then add the chopped chervil.

Place the lightly floured sole fillets into a pre-heated non-stick pan, colour slightly then add a knob of butter and cook on both sides for 2-3mins until golden brown.

To serve place the peas in the centre of a bowl with the fish on top, spoon over the sauce and garnish with pea cress leaves and crisp pancetta.

Gooseberry fool



Serves 6
200g Fresh gooseberries
150g caster sugar
200ml double cream

Gently cook the gooseberries with 50g of the sugar, taking care that they do not go mushy. Set aside a little of the cooking juices. Whip the cream together with the remaining sugar

Divide the gooseberries between six glasses, spoon over the cream and drizzle with the reserved cooled cooking juices.

KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Church vandals a sad fact of life

WHEN a vicar says he would like to see the heads of the people who vandalised his church on stakes, you know he must be at the end of his tether.

Rev Jim Field spoke out after thieves stole £20,000 of lead from the roof of St George's in Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, and good for him.

While his gruesome view of the punishment the thieves should receive may not be to everybody's liking, few can argue he is within his rights to voice his anger over a crime that is perhaps crueller than many of a similar nature. Churches are not money-spinning enterprises and rely heavily on the work of volunteers so they can even be kept open.

Restorations to these historic buildings often cost thousands of pounds – money that is hard to come by at the best of times, without it being spent on replacing stolen lead.

As Loyd Grossman told Kent on Sunday this week, there will always be people who want to ruin churches for others by vandalising them. And perhaps that is the most worrying – and disappointing – fact of all.

Heroes' welcome

IF ANY further proof were needed of the huge public support for the Gurkhas, this week's parade in Folkestone was it.

The fact more than 10,000 people turned up on a Thursday morning to celebrate the soldiers being given the freedom of the town is remarkable, and shows the Government made the right decision by welcoming all former Gurkhas to the country. Congratulations again to all their campaigners have achieved.

OPINION: Salute to our fine heroes



Defence minister Kevan Jones sends a message of thanks to the county

EVERY day, men and women from across the south east of England risk their lives for the defence of our country.

It is only right and proper that we recognise their courage and show them the respect they deserve.

Later this month, events will take place in Chatham to mark the first annual Armed Forces Day on Saturday, June 27.

This will be an opportunity to honour not just those currently serving, but also the thousands of veterans to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude for their role in securing our freedom.

It is vital for them to know that they have the support of their fellow citizens for the sacrifices they have made and continue to make.

This is the first time a day has been dedicated to all those who have served in the Army, Navy or Air Force, either full-time or as a reservist, and more than 200 events are taking place up and down the country.

At 10.30am on Monday, June 22, specially designed Armed Forces Day flags will be raised across Kent by local councils, schools, businesses and members of the public.

Similar ceremonies will take place at the same time, right across the UK, and the world, wherever men and women of our Armed Forces are deployed, so those serving abroad know that the whole country is supporting them in the vital challenges they face so professionally.

These flags, which are based on the Union Jack, will be flown all week, leading up to Armed Forces Day itself on Saturday 27.

On that day, across the county, the community will be celebrating its Armed Forces in unique ways. From Folkestone to Deal, from Bexleyheath to Tunbridge Wells, bands will play, field kitchens will be catering, veterans, cadets and returning service personnel from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan will be marching.

People right across the South East, and thousands across the UK, will say 'thank you' to our brave forces

The show of support is humbling indeed. Canterbury will witness a Highland games military spectacular; Biggin Hill's annual airshow will take on a new poignancy; while the national Armed Forces Day event at Chatham Historic Dockyard promises to be a splendid celebration as we commemorate the achievements of all our Armed Forces, past, present and future.

I am so grateful to the people of Kent who have organised events. It will mean a great deal, particularly to those serving this country today.

Last year, the Ministry of Defence launched the Service Personnel Command Paper to improve support for our forces community.

This initiative has doubled the compensation awarded to injured personnel, delivered better and fairer access to public services for those in the forces and established community mental health schemes to provide specialist treatment to veterans.

For the past year, I have worked with colleagues in other government departments to ensure that they are doing their utmost to support servicemen and women, their families and veterans.

I also continue to engage with many service charities and am grateful for their generosity and co-operation in ensuring that our forces are looked after in the best possible way.

Armed Forces Day is a chance for the British public to come out and show they too recognise the unique demands that are placed upon our forces community.

People right across the South East and thousands across the country will take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to our brave forces and I hope you will join us.

To find out more about Armed Forces Day and how you can get involved in the events, visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk.



Shut this website down

The gentleman (and I use the term loosely) who has seen fit to set up a website offering £10,000 to anyone who can provide photographic proof that the man found guilty of killing Lin and Megan Russell could not have been there at the time the crime took place is a callous fool (KoS, June 14).

Such insensitivity towards the feelings of Josie and Shaun Russell is a disgrace. Websites of this nature have no place on the internet.

They are designed purely to attract the prurient attention of disturbed individuals obsessed with murderers and serial killers.

If this man tormenting Shaun and Josie has one ounce of decency he should shut down his website immediately and spare the Russells any further suffering.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

Stifled by conformity

Last week saw the publication of proposed reforms to home education practice.

The recommendations by Graham Badman to the Secretary of State call for local education authority (LEA) staff to have the power to approve or deny home educator provision by a family, with no right of appeal.

Interestingly enough, Mr Badman is a former chief of Kent children's services.

Currently an LEA, if it believes a family is not providing a suitable education, can take them to court, but the onus is on the LEA to make their case.

However, under the new provisions, those who educate in different, but valid, ways would no longer have the protection of the courts. This will affect Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith-based education, as well those who currently choose Steiner, Montessori, or Summerhill as alternative types of teaching.

Those whose family demographic does not appear suitable to the LEA for home education would also be prevented from doing so. It is surely unacceptable for the State to have ultimate control of the education of our children, and another example of the Government imposing more centralisation and conformity on our lives.

Dr Alan Bullion, Lib Dem parliamentary spokesman for Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells

Honour these old soldiers

I see in the Queen's Birthday Honours List there were no awards for Britain's last two World War One veterans, Henry Allingham and Harry Patch.

This is a pity as I think they deserve a CBE or MBE, or even a knighthood.

They have seen a lot and did a lot for this country during the Great War and are now aged 113 (Mr Allingham) and 111 (Mr Patch). I have met both gentlemen and they are in good health. I wish them well as they are special people

I think they should receive an award, as they will not be around for ever. I hope in time somebody will recognise their efforts and give them something. I wish them all the luck and the best for the future.

Christopher Sharp, Staplehurst

Privileged to serve you

I hope you will allow me to thank all those people from across the county, and from all political parties, who have sent me their good wishes and generous compliments following the declaration of the county council election results.

They are too many to respond to individually and it would be wrong to mention any one person by name here, but I have been touched by all their kind comments.

It is certainly gratifying to know that my "hard work, guidance and support" (their words, not mine) were so much appreciated by so many. But whatever hard work, guidance and support I may have been able to provide was the result of the dedication of the whole Kent Labour team at County Hall.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Kent as a county councillor for so long and, although no longer able to work for the benefit of the whole county, I shall continue to do all I can for the people of Deal and Walmer.

Mike Eddy, Deal

Costs of congestion

One constant theme of my correspondence from Kent in recent months has been heavy goods vehicles movements.

China Gateway, Kent International Gateway (KIG), the lorry park proposed for Aldington and the more recent massive Borough Green proposals are all about accommodating more HGVs moving through Kent. Despite repeated urging, the Government has failed to apply charges on foreign HGVs, which it is entitled to do under European law. Due to inappropriate policies, greenhouse gas emissions from transport in the European Union rose 36 per cent from 1990-2006, if we include all current member states.

Sadly, rail and inland waterways are experiencing a decline in their share of freight movements. These factors provide reasons for the Government and Kent County Council to provide belated leadership in this sector and systematically reduce long-distance freight movement through Kent and throughout the UK in general.

Kent congestion is a cost to business, a source of air pollution that is injurious to health and a blight upon town centres. This is not inevitable: it is a failure which can be corrected through taxing foreign HGVs and reducing the number of roads such vehicles may use.

Pushing long-distance freight on to the railways is essential to the wellbeing of Kent communities.

Caroline Lucas, Green Party MEP for Kent and Medway

To absent friends …

The Hythe West by-elections were well and truly overdue. We had to wait a long time for the Conservatives to acknowledge the wishes of residents in wanting their absent councillors to step down.

Indeed, our MP didn't attempt to speed this matter along either. I'm delighted to have been elected as Hythe West's district councillor and would like thank everyone for their support on polling day.

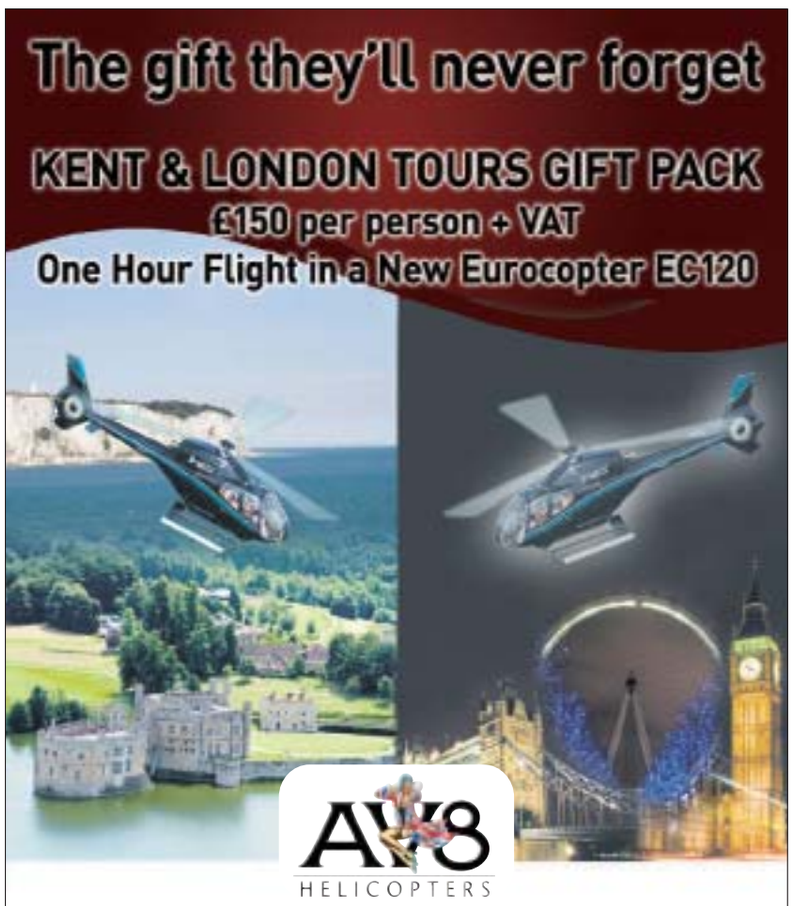
I received many messages of goodwill, not only from the residents of Hythe West but from Hythe as a whole, and I appreciate and thank all in taking the time to send them.

Cllr Neil Matthews, Hythe West

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BLUE-EYED brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **TXT**

HELLO all I'm 28, 5ft5, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male. Box 452305 P

SOCIABLE girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people, more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for lasting relationship. Box 448756 **TXT**

MEDIUM-BUILT girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834 **TXT**

LOVING loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone. Box 448471 **TXT**

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair, blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **TXT** P

PETITE, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema, more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047 **TXT**

HELLO I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in/out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **TXT**

ASHFORD-BASED woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985 **TXT**

FUN, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-to-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385 **TXT**

OPEN, honest straight girl, 37, 5'6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524 **TXT**

LOVING female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915 **TXT**

MAIDSTONE-BASED woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **TXT**

MUM of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **TXT**

HAPPY but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Bexhill-on-Sea. Box 452424

SINGLE mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **TXT** P

LOVING female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **TXT**

LOVELY female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **TXT**

BUBBLY, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **TXT** P

CUTE single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **TXT** P

MAGGIE here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010 **TXT** P

LOVELY pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **TXT**

KENT female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship/more. Box 152862 **TXT**

I like reading/writing, going out, music. Seeking kind, genuine, honest chap; I'm a 40yr old woman who enjoys the simple things in life. Box 448542 **TXT**

SHY but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **TXT**

SOCIABLE petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **TXT** P

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **TXT** P

LOVELY, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **TXT** P

ASIAN lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **TXT**

NICE looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTM a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **TXT** P

EASY-GOING blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **TXT**

LIVELY, energetic and fun-loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTM mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819 **TXT** P

FUN-LOVING female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **TXT**

HELLO, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **TXT**

LOVELY bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for companionship and more. Box 880090 **TXT** P

GOOD-LOOKING brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **TXT**

BUBBLY female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **TXT**

SINGLE mum, petite, 44, brown hair/eyes, looking to share my life with a nice, man, a Russian man would be great! I like cinema, pubs, music. Box 451373 **TXT**

RECENTLY divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Box 451469 **TXT**

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **TXT**

HI I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 P

HAILSHAM woman, 45, brown hair/blue eyes, attractive, cuddly. I'm genuine and loyal and enjoy bowling, meals in and out, cinema, music, animals. Box 452484 **TXT**

EASYGOING and down-to-earth 46yr old redhead, looking for male, 40-50, for an uncomplicated relationship. Box 879205 **TXT** P

SEEKING gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Rye, 47, work in nursing and WLTM someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 **TXT**

46YR old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122 **TXT**

CARING, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366 **TXT**

HI I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **TXT**

BUBBLY, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 **TXT**

YOUNG 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **TXT** P

YOUNG 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288 **TXT**

FEMALE, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 **TXT**

FEMALE 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100 **TXT**

PETITE, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **TXT**

SHORT 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **TXT**

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LOVING caring homely lady, 54, honest, shy, likes gardening, long walks and more, looking for a fun-loving, passionate tactile man for nights out and more. Box 451967 **TXT**

SMART petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **TXT**

BLONDE lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449 **TXT**

LONDONER new to the area, 57, 5ft5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587 **TXT**

HI, I'm Marianne, 50s, tall and blonde, extrovert, love travel, sports, restaurants, the good things in life, looking for a tall, solvent gent, 40-50. Box 452191 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH. I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals and WLTM similar , non-smoking male. Box 452498 **TXT**

GENUINE, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **TXT**

HONEST & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **TXT**

CARING slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion, 60-68. Box 450581 **TXT**

Women
seeking women

CURVY female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 **TXT**

BUBBLY, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTM similar female. Box 878997 **TXT** P



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GOOD-LOOKING male, 25, tall and slim, love walking, listening to rock band, attends church, WLTM a kind and caring female, age unimportant! to connect with. Box 445553 **TXT**

HI! I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394 **TXT**

STOCKY male, 34, 6ft, dark hair/eyes, into rugby, formula 1, swimming, looking for a female for fun, friendship, hopefully a LTR. Seaford. Box 452558 **TXT**

SEEKING honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 **TXT** P

MAIDSTONE male, 33, 6ft, muscular, GSOH, fair hair/blue eyes, likes Thai boxing, pubs, having fun, cosy nights in, house/hip hop music, WLTM loving, attractive, slim female. Box 162939 **TXT** P

LAID back, attractive single dad, 35, 5ft7, brown eyes, medium build, looking for someone similar to enjoy films, socialising, hopefully love... Box 451286 **TXT** P

BIG Mike here! I'm 35, 6ft8, blue eyes, great sense of humour. I don't smoke or drink and I'm looking for a big, bubbly woman. Box 452560 **TXT**

TALL, dark and handsome! I'm a 35yr old guy, 5ft11 and enjoy most things in life, drinks out, quiet nights in etc. Box 452397 **TXT**

NEW to this, I'm a single guy, 36, 5ft8, bright blue eyes, brown hair, average build. WLTM nice woman, to get to know, possibly LTR. Box 452496 **TXT** P

EASYGOING, genuine male, 36, 5ft8, dark hair, medium build/cuddly. I like cinema, pubs, walks. Would love to hear from you! Box 452537 **TXT**

DOWN-TO-EARTH sincere and intelligent guy, 36, looking for mature lady for friendship and possible relationship. Box 451231 **TXT**

GREAT, life-loving 36yr old guy looking for love, enjoys socialising, films and cinema, cosy nights in and great nights out, looking for my soulmate. Box 880189 **TXT**

LOYAL, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VGSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquarian. Seeking similar loving lady. Box 879755 **TXT** P

HAPPY easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 **TXT**

HI, I'm Kevin, 38, mousey blond hair, blue eyes, lots of fun, genuine, seeking that special outgoing female, caring, for genuine loving relationship. Box 451097 **TXT**

INTERESTS: music, bikes, cars, travel, cosy nights in. I'm male, 38, kind, genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 5ft9, slim build, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTM genuine, biker lady. Box 451302 **TXT**

HONEST gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a lovely and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452351 **TXT** P

MARGATE man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **TXT** P

HANDSOME male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Herne Bay. Box 424503 **TXT**

HI I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile, outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTM easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488 **TXT**

UNIVERSITY student, 39, 5ft10, black hair, laid-back and stocky/cuddly, down-to-earth, looking for someone special to spend some time with and hopefully discover my soulmate. Box 879254 **TXT**

EASYGOING male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friendship and more. Box 451889 **TXT**

HI there, bubbly outgoing guy, 40, 5ft10, shaved brown hair, medium-muscular build, a writer, loves movies and cinema, seeks similar girl to get to know... Box 452246 **TXT** P

VIRGO male, 40, 5ft7, stocky build, kind, loving, fine guy, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beaches, WLTM like-minded person to be my girl. Box 446212 **TXT**

OUTGOING, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dance-floor with. Box 443750 **TXT**

HAPPY young fit active 41yr old, looking for a girl to treat well and make happy... laid-back, relaxed and happy. Box 884095 **TXT** P

MIXED race male, 42, 5'10", likes chatting and music. Looking for an attractive, romantic female, in the Swale or Medway areas. Box 879047 **TXT** P

NORTHERN guy (now in Eastbourne), 42, 5ft11, medium-build, likes live music, the outdoors, good food; seeking any rock chicks out there to strike a chord with. Box 452401 **TXT**

VERY loving and romantic man, dark hair, 5ft6, slim-medium build, likes cinemas, music, holidays, cooking! Seeks similar lady to love and do things together. Box 452432 **TXT**

I'M Ian, caring, romantic, loyal guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium build, fair hair and blue eyes, GSOH, WLTM a lady 25-48 with similar nature. Hastings area. Box 451334 **TXT**

SEPARATED male in Maidstone area, 44 looking for a lady, 40-50, to wine and dine and enjoy time with. Lets see what happens! Box 884411 **TXT** P

WELL-BUILT male, 44, looking for a female for friendship and fun, let's start the summer not being single and with a smile! Box 883622 **TXT** P

WARM, tactile male, 45, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in. seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **TXT**

HI ladies, my name is Carlos. I'm 45, looking for an honest and loving lady to share life with. Box 879325 **TXT** P

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY dad, 46, sporty, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446 **TXT**

42YR old single dad, likes socialising, eating out, travelling, family life, seeks female, 26-38, with similar interests. Box 783876 **TXT**

OUTGOING and friendly man, 47, blue eyes, fair hair, likes the countryside and spicy food, looking to meet a nice and friendly lady for love. Box 449306

SINCERE genuine man, 47, 5ft9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out. Box 449554 **TXT** P

YOUTHFUL dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTM female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529 **TXT** P

BACHELOR of 50, tall, blonde, blue eyes, likes bowling, cinema and country walks, looking for special lady to share bottle of wine with. Polegate. Box 452628 **TXT**

FIT and attractive man, 52, 5ft7, slim and keeps fit, likes art, reading, poetry, cycling, tennis; WLTM female who's genuine to share this and more. Box 452588 **TXT**

SEPARATED, young 53yr old man, 5ft10, slim/medium build, pretty fit. I like music, walking, countryside, pubs, football, horses. Box 452548 **TXT**

YOUNG male, active, 52, enjoys socialising, mixing with people, chatting, having fun, cooking, music, theatre, travel, seeking like-minded female for love and happiness. Box 444040 **TXT**

SEEKING outgoing woman, who enjoys walks, holidays, animals, beach walks. I'm an easygoing chap, 54, with a GSOH. Box 452494 **TXT**

HONEST and loyal, 53yr old guy, 6ft tall, considered attractive. I'm easygoing, with a GSOH. Looking for female company, to socialise with. I like DIY, gardening. Box 884003 **TXT**

NON-SMOKING male, 57, 5ft11, medium build with hazel eyes, likes classic cars, meals out, looking for a special person to take out and share company. Box 450069 **TXT**

BASED in Gillingham, I enjoy cooking, meals in/out, fishing. I'm male, 57 and WLTM nice, caring female. Box 444461 **TXT**

58YR old male, 5ft4, smoker, looking for friendship with lady of similar age, preferably slim with a sense of humour, Dover area. Box 880484 **TXT**

SOLVENT, retired widower, 62, 5ft9, not overweight, N/S, decent, flexible, friendly, likes country music, meals in/out, looking for a female, to build a LTR with. Box 448346

Men
seeking men

NEW-TO-TOWN male, 41, 5ft10, looking for a gay or bi male, 30-55, for friendship, romance, hopefully a LTR. Box 450637 **TXT**

HI, I'm 40, 6ft, green eyes, blond hair, own house, enjoy pubs, keeping fit, seeking similar male, sporty, for fun and more. Box 436788 **TXT**

FRIENDLY and masculine man, 48, 5ft6, fairly fit, seeking a nice guy to fall in love with. Maidstone. Box 452575 **TXT**

YOUNG looking 50yr old, fairly shy, non-smoker, loves travel, walking and meals out...hoping to meet a nice guy for relationship. Box 452631 **TXT**

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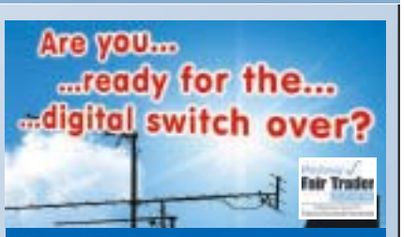
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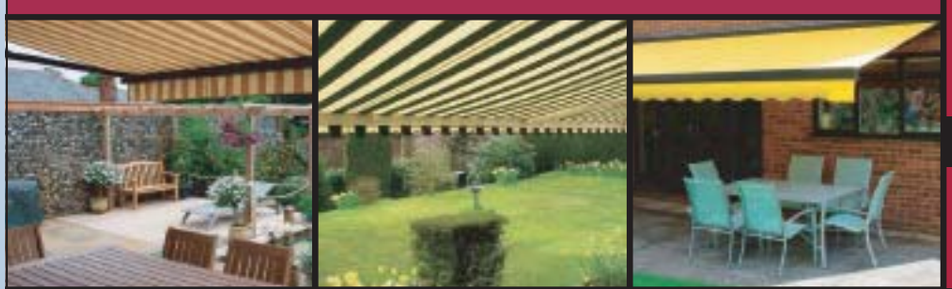


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By **JANE JEWITT**

Bring the Mediterranean into your Kentish garden

FOR me Mediterranean gardens are of two types. Either they are flat, and laid mainly to patio with lots of pots, and a place to eat; or they spread down a slope and are planted as if the seeds had rolled down the hillside and grown where they landed.

Two conditions are needed to create a good Mediterranean garden here in England. The site must be south-facing; it has to be in full sun all day long to allow it to heat up. The heat is essential for the type of plants that will be grown here. Secondly the site has to be very free-draining. Mediterranean plants will not tolerate heavy soil.

Patio and pots

If your site is level, first lay out a patio with generous proportions. Make sure there is ample space for tables and chairs, sun-loungers and games. Add enough space for a jumble of terracotta pots, they will form the decorative elements of the garden. One or two of the pots, the largest ones, will be pure ornament. Plant the remainder with evergreen shrubs and perennials. This will be a part of your garden that everyone will gravitate towards, it will be relaxing, will smell wonderful and look beautiful.

Herbs with aromatic foliage are vital; thyme, rosemary, sage and marjoram. These are the most important elements of the planting. The aromatic foliage will zing in the air on hot days, and your sense of smell will transport you back to Greece, Italy or Spain. You will relax immediately.

Other plants will add structure and colour. Add a lemon tree if you can nurture it or an Agave for a plant that thrives on neglect. For a riot of colour throughout the summer what better than the good old geranium, (correctly called Pelargonium) the sharp oranges and reds look wonderful against any background. Remember that these will all need protection from the winter cold.

A sloping site will be planted with a range of Mediterranean plants. Tall narrow trees will form the structural planting. The pencil cedar is not fully hardy in the UK, and can look a bit ragged. Better to choose Chamaecyparis 'Grayswood Pillar', the foliage is grey-blue and the tree will reach four metres tall with a spread of only half a metre. For a smaller tree plant growing to 1.5 metres choose Chamaecyparis thyoides 'Ericoides', it is conical in shape and has bright green foliage that turns purple in the winter cold.

The trees will cast no shade and so a shrub under-story of Ceanothus, Cistus, Senecio, Santolina, are evergreen and will provide ground-cover as well as flowers during the summer.

Perennials will be used to add seasonal interest, Acanthus, Geranium, Nepeta and fennel will add texture with a range of foliage effects. The feathery foliage of fennel, in green or bronze, makes a very pretty plant, but don't allow it to run to seed. Acanthus is a large stately plant, with leaves about a metre long, dark, glossy and jagged, and a magnificent flower spike in midsummer.

I will weave a number of trees across the site, and make informal paths of flat stones through the garden. When I make my way across the paths I will come up against all the plants, brush the foliage, crush a few leaves and pick some herbs for the kitchen.







TROPICAL: (Top) the geranium, (above) the Agave americana and (right) lemon tree



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By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

IF there's one interior style that can help us sail calmly through these stormy times, it's a seafaring one.

Whether you call it nautical – the trendy term for a look that's taken the fashion catwalk by storm – or coastal, the secret of its enduring appeal is its soothing colours and a sunny vibe.

Done well, this style could give you the feeling that you've escaped to a tranquil holiday hideaway, where the beach and sea seems but a stroll from your door, even if your actual location is strictly urban.

"The nautical trend is hugely popular at the moment perhaps because we're all hankering to escape to peaceful sanctuaries," says designer Joanna Wood.

"You can play with all sorts of colours to provide a fresh, ship-shape, contrast. So think navy blue, pillar box red, pale blue and then accent with light and dark neutrals like taupe, white, or ivory."

Her collection of coastal accessories would gladden the heart of anyone seeking 'sailor style', and includes wooden yachts, starfish, and dishes made from pebbles.

Luckily trawling the rest of the high street for accessories is easy as its awash with blue and white goodies, and there's also a great choice of online companies offering everything from driftwood to 'beach signs'.

One word of warning though, you don't want to make your home look like a beached cabin cruiser.

For success, try either an elegant whitewashed New England look or an understated 'beach hut' style advises Annie Deakin, editor of mydeco.com.

She says: "Often, adding a hint of a trend is stronger and more stylish than doing a complete image overhaul.

"If you go over the top with your nautical theme, it can end up being too contrived. Start by using natural, chalky paints to get that soft, slightly sun-bleached look, and then accessorise."

We've gone beachcombing and found all the elements so you can sail away in style.

Colour me coastal

Seaside homes have an inherent simplicity that helps to make them practical and calming spaces.

Take inspiration from seashore shades, such as traditional blue and white, but use golden or tawny shades to echo those other essentials. Wicker and rope also work well.

Companies like Farrow & Ball and Fired Earth are natural destinations for beautiful subtle sea-faring shades of white and blues.

For a more dazzling Mediterranean style, look for blues from aquas and turquoise through to navy, and ground a scheme by using terracotta and pale stone colours which are characteristic of villas and haciendas.

Get the look: Summer will always be on



Beach Hut Mirror, £58, from notonthehighstreet.com and mydeco.com

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'Take me to the seaside' wall plaque, £310, from notonthehighstreet.com and available at mydeco.com

the horizon if you decorate with B&Q's Med collection.

A pale blue Colours Matt paint, Sky, or a dark blue Sarong, are both £10.98 for 2.5 litres. Team with a neutral, Colours Everywhere matt, Harbour, £13.98 for 2.5 litres.

B&Q's wallpaper, Colours Stockholm, £11.98 a roll, mimics sunbleached tongue and groove panelling.

Stow-away style

There's nothing stiff and starchy about 'beach hut' homes, which makes them ideal for old or recycled furniture that can be painted or reupholstered to gain a new lease of life.

"Beachcoming is the inspiration and the theme when you decide to furnish a room in seashore style," says Andrea Spencer, author of Seaside Style, which is filled with ideas and projects.

"Hunt through junk shops and salvage yards for old furniture, floorboards, wooden crates and pallets, all of which can be stripped and varnished or painted."

She also suggests large, comfy sofas, perhaps smartened up with white or blue cotton throws, steamer trunks, or wicker laundry hampers for storage for bedding or toys.

And for lazy days, try lounging in wicker, directors or even traditional deckchairs, which can be used indoors or outdoors.

Get the look: Make sure the view's coastal with a Novatec blind depicting yachts at sea, Walton Boats. Blinds start from £49.

Either paint floorboards white or splash out on flooring, B&Q's Aqua LOC Limed Oak Effect, £14.98 (per sq metre).

Add other finishing touches from the store like Bedcrest Med Printed Duvet set in navy, from £10.97 for a single set, a blue and white stripe cotton rug, £24.98 and framed prints, Beach Huts, £26.98, or yachts, Kate II, £54.98.

Coastline chic

If 'shabby chic' seaside's not your taste, emulate the sophistication of the clapboard homes Stateside in places such as Maine.

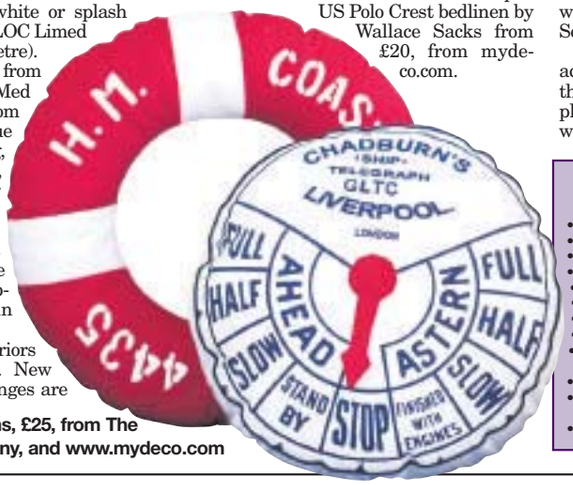
There are plenty of interiors companies to choose from. New England Lifestyle, whose ranges are made in West Sussex, is inspired by the American look.

For instance, there's a classic range of white painted furniture, such as a roomy Burlington dresser, £593. Its brilliant range of accessories features a striking wooden New England flag, £128, white wooden lighthouse £98, pastel beach hut money boxes, four for £24.

Cornwall is the template for Laura Ashley's look, and new blue and white Keaton stripe fabric, £20 a square metre, is perfect for upholstering furniture.

Scatter cushions such as Beach Hut, £28 and a striped Mylor, £26, new Whitewashed woven trunks, £70 for two. For a child's room, Beach hut bunting, £15, is a lovely touch.

Get the look: Fresh blue and white striped US Polo Crest bedlinen by Wallace Sacks from £20, from mydeco.com.



Lifeboat set of two cushions, £25, from The Great Little Trading Company, and www.mydeco.com

Plunder Nautical Living, for an up-market take on the look. It's full of fab striped bedding, as well as fabrics, cushions from around £39.99 each, and nautical brass tripod lamps, from £119 each.

Shoreline details

Collecting shells, pebbles and driftwood from days or trips away and displaying them will bring back happy memories as well as be ideal 'flotsam and jetsam' for a room. Or collect it from the comfort of your armchair by surfing the net to find themed products.

I love the Nautical Cushion set, £25, which includes a Life Ring and a Telegraph cushion, which could delight big and little sailors, and a Beach Hut Mirror, £58.

Spell out your coastal desire with a driftwood wall plaque, saying: "Take Me To The Seaside". All from mydeco.com.

If those are too novelty, there's plenty of accessories to choose from.Visit www.notonthehighstreet.com. My favourite are the simple linen cushions embellished with the words Sea, Sand or Surf, £65 each.

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A few simple things to help you save

NEW research from the Energy Saving Trust reveals more than half of the South East are 'DIY shy' and not confident enough to use basic practical skills which will enable them to improve their home.

Yet over half of this group in the region say that in the current economic climate they would prefer to 'improve' their current property, rather than move house.

The UK-wide survey of more than 2,000 consumers launches a new campaign from the Energy Saving Trust urging DIY shy householders in the South East to brush up on their skills to not only improve their homes, but make significant cash savings.

The UK's leading organisation set up to help people fight climate change reveals that DIY



Shy householders in the South East could collectively save the nation around £29.4 million and 158,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide CO2.

The average home in the South East emits 6.2 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Making energy-saving home improvements is one of the simplest ways for householders to save money and reduce their impact on the environment.

If all DIY shy householders in the South East faced their fears to tackle some of the jobs they dread most, collectively they could have the same impact as taking 54,000 cars off the road.

By tackling four simple-to-do home improvements the DIY shy in the South East can shave around £140 off their annual fuel bill, add value in the long-term to their existing home and save cash for the harder-to-do projects best left to a professional

Energy Saving Trust chief executive Philip Sellwood said: "Everyone's purse strings are tighter nowadays, and this is the perfect time to take stock and check which DIY jobs will save you cash on the household bills.

"But our research shows many Brits are shying away from easy cash savings by ignoring simple, energy saving tasks which need to be done around the home. This is a real shame.

"We urge householders to do a free Home Energy Check at the Energy Saving Trust's website:www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/check to find out which simple things – from draught-proofing to bleeding the radiators – they could do. I am sure they will be surprised about the savings they're missing out on."

Energy and climate change minister Joan Ruddock said: "It really is easy for householders to save energy, save money and help tackle climate change.

"If households across the UK took a few simple steps, not only would they make significant savings on their energy bills, but the whole country would benefit through reduced carbon emissions.

"The Government-funded ACT ON C02 advice line (0800 512 012) run by the Energy Saving Trust, provides plenty of easy-to-follow tips on straightforward DIY jobs we can all do."

Andrew Leech, executive director of the National Home Improvement Council, said: "Straightforward home improvements such as those suggested by the Energy Saving Trust should be at the forefront of every householder's 'things to do' around the home.

"They are not difficult tasks and are well within the capability of most individuals but will make all the difference to the long-term efficiency and performance of a property.

"At this time of year in particular, it makes sense for all homeowners to take a close look at their home. Some DIY jobs may be within the scope of the average person, others may need professional attention.

"Our message is 'don't delay' because a stitch in time saves nine and, more often than not, money too."

For more information about making energy saving home improvements yourself, to save money and carbon dioxide at home, contact your local Energy Saving Trust advice centre on 0800 512 012 or visit the website at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk.



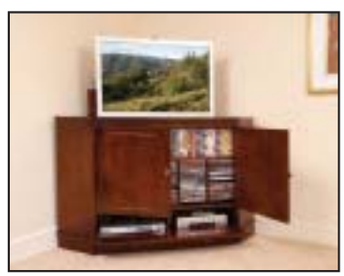
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Interior designer, Helle Hylleberg answers readers' design dilemmas



Q We have some old wicker garden furniture. They are still comfortable and stable to sit in, but they look dull. Could you help with some advice to give them a revival?

Shirley, Sevenoaks

A Painting doesn't really give the best result with wicker. The best thing to do is to buy a good quality lacquer spray. With that you would easily be able to do a thorough job. There should be plenty of fun colours to choose from in any good DIY store. And it dries really quickly too.



Q Our bathroom is small and only has only very small window – it is a very dark room. What could we do to make it a brighter room?

Dave and Ellie, Whitstable

A Make sure the walls are painted in a very light colour – or in white and your bathroom furniture should also be as light in colour as possible. Placing a floor-to-ceiling piece of mirror would make the room seem bigger. With regards to lighting you should choose ceiling and additional wall lighting. With the light walls and units as well as the mirror the light should reflect and make a much nicer space. Good luck.

If you have any questions you'd like to ask Helle, email hylleberg@live.co.uk or post them, marked Homes & Gardens Q & A, to KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

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By HANNAH STEPHENSON

ROSES are Britain's favourite plant, according to a new poll – but they are also on our most hated list.

Some 7,500 people voted online to establish the nation's gardening loves and hates in the inaugural Gardeners' World Awards 2009. Roses topped the poll as the most loved plant, but also the most hated.

While some loved the variety of appealing scents and styles, a long flowering season and an iconic image of romance, others damned them for "all those prickles and overblown blossoms".

Roses can also be plagued by aphids and blackspot, and can demand high maintenance.

So how can we turn our most hated plant into one that we will all love and cherish?

Adam Pasco, editor of BBC Gardeners' World magazine, insists that choosing roses is a very personal thing, and that someone else's taste may not be yours.

"Don't tar all roses with the same brush. Just because some roses don't appeal doesn't mean there aren't others out there you'll love," he says.

"There are roses to suit every style and taste. Look further than those in local garden centres to discover the rich and diverse range available from specialist rose nurseries.

"You'll find them all on the internet, with colours to suit any scheme.

Don't grow them in isolation, but mix roses with other flowers to create enchanting combinations."



coming up roses





Names play a big part in rose appeal, he believes.

"Dozens of new varieties join old favourites each year, but those we love tend to have names that are personal and meaningful.

"Their name is often as important as colour, shape and form, so search around for roses with names that really mean something to you."

If you want roses with real flower power, choose repeat-flowering varieties that bloom again and again, right through to the autumn.

"For many people, a rose without scent simply isn't worth growing,"

Pasco advises. "While cut blooms in supermarkets often smell of nothing, those being bred for our gardens offer stunning fragrance to die for.

"In fact, good fragrance comes at the top of the list with most rose breeders, as they know that's what people are now looking for.

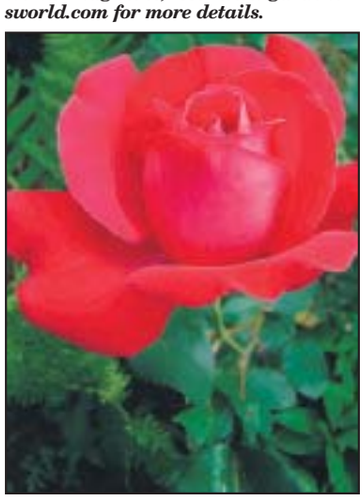
"Breathe in deeply when walking past David Austin-bred 'Mary Rose', for instance, and you'll be transported straight to heaven."

Roses used to have a reputation for being high-maintenance and demanding a time-consuming regular care regime, but now there are many new types on the market which simply don't need as much looking after.

"Times have changed and we now want roses that stay healthy naturally, without the need for regular sprays of fungicides to control blackspot and rust," Pasco explains. "Once again the rose breeders have come to the rescue, and modern roses are usually far healthier than old varieties."

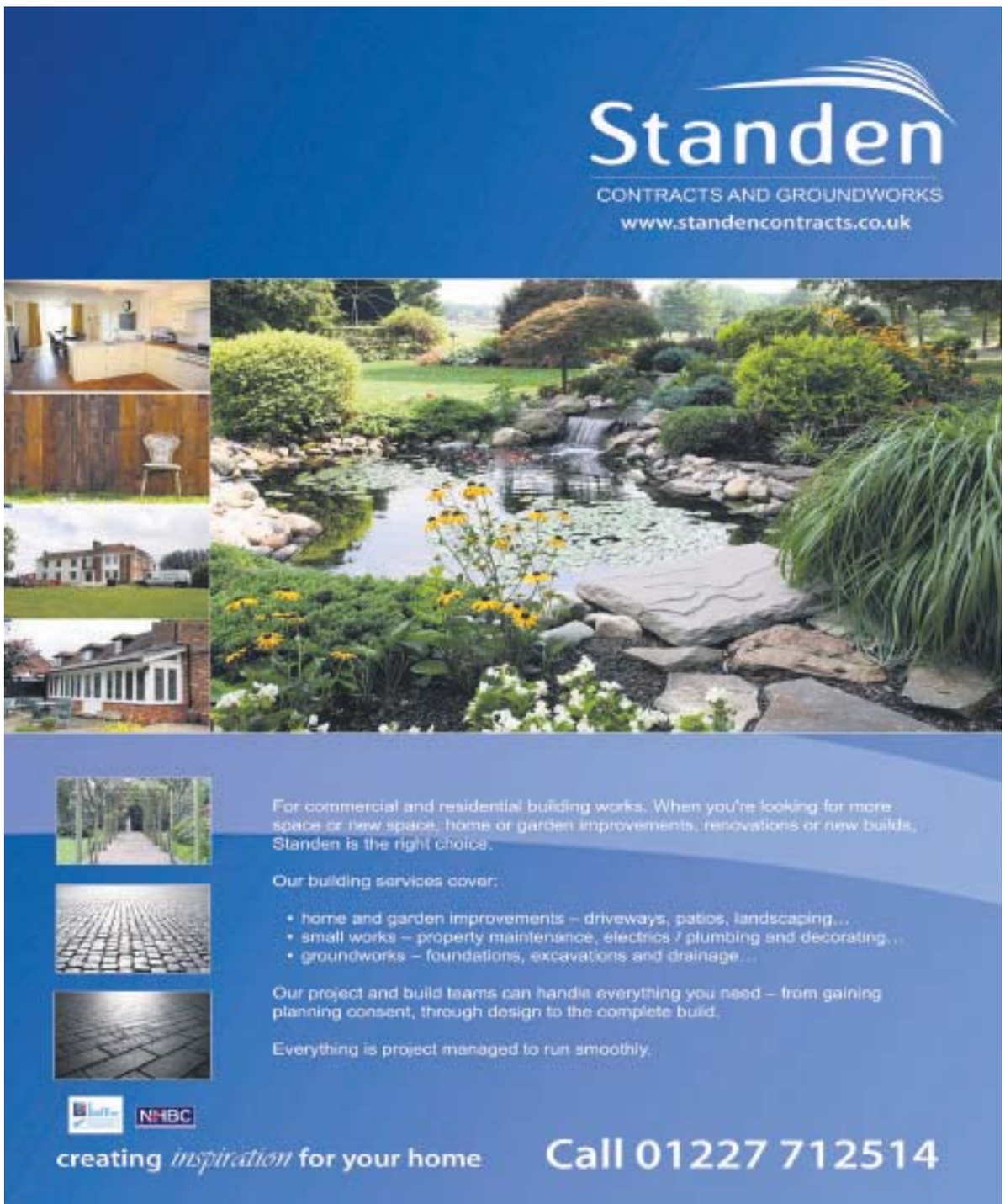
Sweet peas and fuchsias came second and third in the nation's favourite garden plant category, while ivy and hostas were the second and third most unpopular.

• The full results of the awards are featured in the July edition of Gardeners' World magazine, see www.gardenersworld.com for more details.





PESTS: Aphids, a rose's worst enemy attacks a rose stem



Grow your own with Dirty Nails

June on the plot



KOHL RABI

THIS week Dirty Nails has been sowing kohl rabi. This unusual-looking vegetable is a member of the cabbage family and is also known as 'turnip-rooted cabbage'. It is a quick growing green veg which has a swollen stem base with leaves growing from bracts around the middle and a tuft on top. The leaves are discarded in the kitchen and the bulbous part eaten. It is delicious steamed, sauted or eaten raw either grated or cut into thin slices.

Dirty Nails grows the Delikatess and Purple Vienna varieties, and sows seeds thinly in a shallow drill 1cm deep. Shallow sowing is important, to allow the stem bases room to swell. When he sows more than one row, he spaces them a foot (30cm) apart. As the seedlings grow and develop true leaves, Dirty Nails thins them to allow six inches (15cm) between plants. Larger spacings can produce bigger crops but kohl rabi is at its best when the bulbs are not much bigger than a golf ball. It copes with dry conditions better than most veg although Dirty Nails spares them whatever water he can because this makes them all the more tender. He is now pulling kohl rabi sown in March and looking forward to a late summer harvest from this week's sowing. A further line or two sown at the end of July should supply the kitchen into winter, and kohl rabi is hardy enough to stand in the ground until needed.

POTTERING

Dirty Nails is enjoying having time to potter around. There is a definite lull in the vegetable garden now that the rush of spring planting is over, and crops are harvestable all over the place. By sowing seeds of different crops a little and often, Dirty Nails has his lettuces, turnips, radishes, beetroot, kohl rabi and others at different stages of growth from seedling onwards. This succession-sowing avoids a wasteful glut and ensures that there is fresh veg in the ground ripening over the whole summer.

TENDING JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES...

Dirty Nails has cut about 45 cm off the top of his Jerusalem artichokes. These have grown thick, tall, leafy tops since being planted early in the year. They are quite susceptible to wind damage during summer storms so reducing their height now will lessen the risk of snapping.

... AND COURGETTES

His courgettes are beginning to fruit and Dirty Nails has put a straw mulch around the plants. This has the dual purpose of conserving moisture, which courgettes suck up with great gusto, as well as keeping the rapidly forming and prolific fruits clean off the soil. The risk of blossom-end rot and slug damage is thus reduced.

• How to Grow Your Own Food by Dirty Nails (ISBN 9781905862115) is available from www.dirtynails.co.uk or Amazon, rrp £10.99.





HARVEST: (Top) the veggie patch; (above left) courgette; and (above right) kohl rabi

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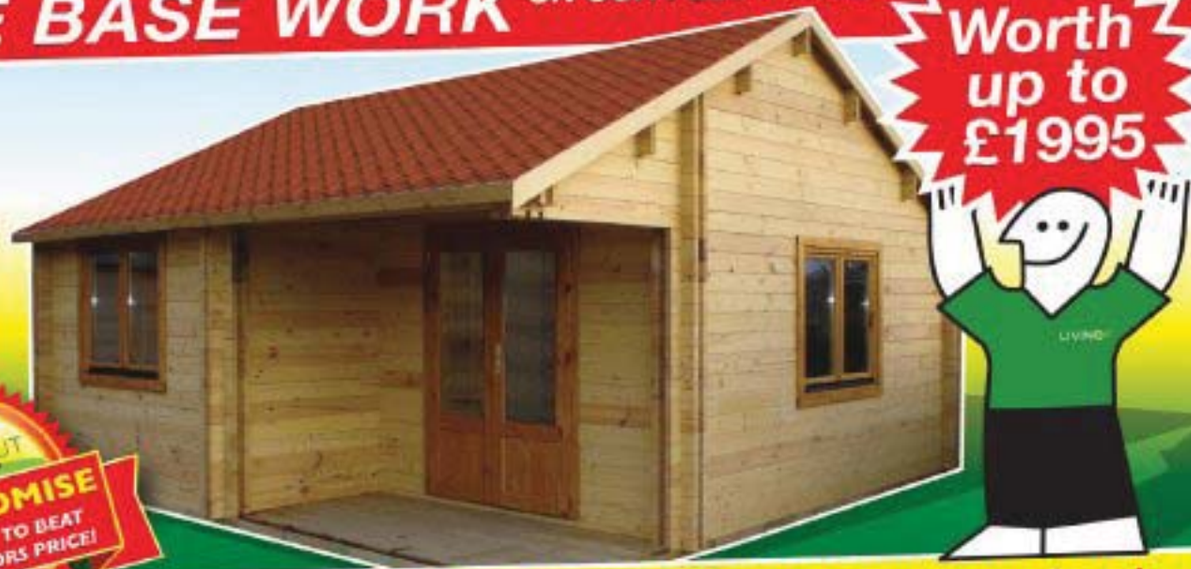
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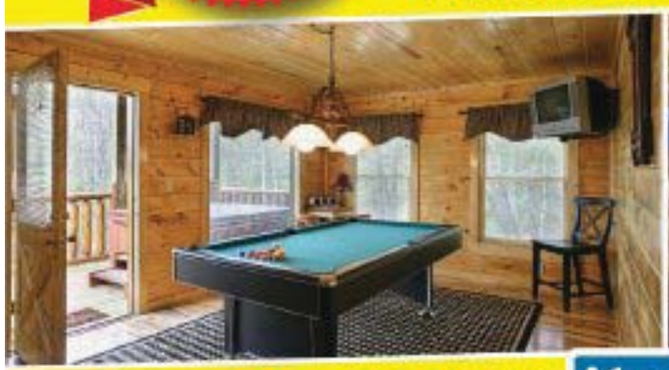
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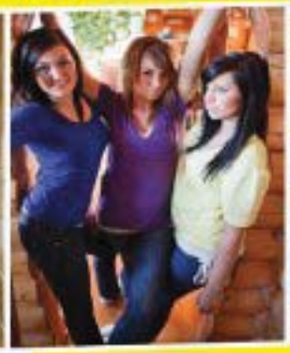
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Guy and Gabriela of Canterbury are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Thomas William Gordon, on 9th June 2009.

BOUSTRA
Sofia Diana Boustra born on 9th June 2009, weighing 3.565kg. Daughter to Georgios and Andriana of Maidstone.

CALDWELL
Mark and Natasha Caldwell celebrate the birth of Harry Mark Caldwell born on 8th June 2009 in Dover weighing 8lbs 14ozs.

CHAMBERLAIN
Logan Cub born on the 8th May 2009, weighing 7lbs 8ozs. Son to Leila. My little lion cub.

CLARKE
Ian and Michelle of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Daniel Ian Anthony on 31st May 2009. Welcome little brother to Charlie, Thomas and Brynley.

COLTART
Chloe Joy Coltart born on 29th May 2009, weighing 7lb 9oz. Daughter to James and Molly Coltart in Maidstone.

COUSINS
Robin and Michelle of Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Oliver Robert, on 5th June 2009 weighing 9lb 2oz.

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Helen and Mark Eldridge celebrate the birth of their daughter Amelia Mai Eldridge on the 2nd June 2009.

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GEAL
Steve and Louise of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Lola Sophia on 8th June 2009 weighing 8lbs 5ozs

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Alyssa Lorraine born on the 10th June 2009, weighing 8lbs 14ozs. Daughter to Dean and Sarah-Jane.

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Ben and Jo of Whitstable are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Christine, on 1st June 2009 weighing 9lb 1oz.

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Sarah and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Luke Albert Hopson on 11th May 2009.

JELL
Lily Florence born on 8th June 2009 weighing 6lbs 10oz. Daughter to Peter and Lynne Jell of Sittingbourne. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

LANCLEY
Zoe Louise born on 8th June 2009 at QEQM, weighing 7lbs 10ozs. Daughter to Michelle and Scott, sister to Ryan.

LARKIN
Kaleb Alan Larkin born on 10th June 2009, weighing 6lb 9oz. Son to Keith Larkin and Gemma Ratcliffe of Platt.

LASBAREILLES
Francois and Dawn of Folkestone celebrate the birth of their twins, Joshua Thomas and Mya Lucie on the 4th June 2009.

NEVE
Harry Alan Neve born on 12th June 2009, weighing 7lb 7oz. Son to Richard and Suzannah Neve

NORTH
Freyja-Angel Sian-Louise born on 5th June 2009, weighing 6lb 5oz. Daughter to Bridie and Lee sister to Troy, Dominic, Carol, and Fleur from East Malling.

NORTHAM
Gemma and David of Westbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Ava Diane on 21st May 2009, weighing 7lbs 12ozs. Making us a happy family

SIM
Alastair and Elaine of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Logan Gareth Dempster, on 3rd June 2009 at 10.32 am weighing 6lb 11oz. A new brother for Bryony, Owain and Eden.

SNOW
Graham and Sara of Chartham are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lacey Mae, on 9th June 2009, weighing 7lb 11oz. A new sister for Json.

SOUTH-AXFORD
Riley born 4th June 2009 weighing 7lbs 9ozs. Son of Katie South and Benjamin Axford from Dover.

WATTS
Tyler-James Leon Watts born at The Maidstone Hospital on 22nd May 2009, weighing 6lb 13oz.

WELLER
Gavin and Melissa of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their daughter Poppy-May Lauren Adele Weller on 10th May 2009.Welcome little sister to Elisha and Oliver.

WEST
Justin and Claire of Herne Bay proudly announce the birth of their son, Riley David Karl, on 1st June 2009 at 2.33pm weighing 5lb 3oz.

WOODCOCK
Mark and Julia are pleased to announce the birth of Samuel Jay Woodcock. Born 12th May 2009, weighing 8lbs 6½ oz. A wonderful baby brother for Ruby.

DEATHS

BOBBETT
Keith Gordon Bobbett died peacefully on 9th June 2009. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on 23rd June at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations to the Heart of Kent Hospice or Macmillan Nurses.

CARLTON
Peter James Carlton passed away on 11th June 2009 at The William Harvey Hospital. Sadly missed by all, Lucille, John, Richard, Holly, Jane and all the family.

CARPENTER
Vera Elsie Carpenter of Bridge passed away peacefully after a long battle very bravely fought, on 9th June 2009. A dearly loved mum to Faye, Barbara, Derek, Linda and Elizabeth and a much loved Nanny and Great Nan. She will be so very sadly missed by everyone who knew her. The funeral was held at Barham.

LEE
Pat of Eastry passed away peacefully at home on 15th June 2009.

LONG
Derrick Long passed away 10th June at Pilgrims Hospice. Funeral and Burial at St Martins Church Great Mongeham 24th June at 11:30am. Sadly missed by all the family. God Bless.

OLIVER
John James of Maidstone died peacefully on 9th June 2009. All friends and family are welcome to attend the funeral which is to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium on Wednesday 24th June 2009 at 2pm. Enquiries to Doves Funeral Directors Maidstone

POMEROY
Paul Pomeroy aged 51 years of Littlebourne fell asleep at his home, surrounded by his family, on 11th June 2009. Paul bravely battled with cancer and sadly lost the fight. The funeral will be held on Monday 22nd June at 1pm at Wickhambreaux church. All flowers welcome.

SIDDONS
Henry Richard Siddons died peacefully at Maidstone Hospital on 31st May 2009, aged 70. Much loved husband of Ann, father to Brian, Kevin and Valerie and grandfather to Christopher and Emilia.

SMALL
Albert William of Allington died peacefully on 9th June 2009. Forever loved and remembered by his wife Elsie and family. Funeral service to take place at Medway Crematorium at 11.20am on 26th June 2009. Enquiries to Paul Rowland Funeral Directors Allington. Any donations to MacMillan Nurses please.

SMITH
Sydney aged 85, passed away peacefully at Kent and Canterbury Hospital on 14th June 2009. Greatly missed by wife Pamela and daughter Anita. Funeral on 29th June 2009 at Barham Crematorium at 2.00pm, family flowers only. Donations if desired to Kent Air Ambulance c/o Woollard and Kent Funeral Directors, 128 Tankerton Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2AN.

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Wrong target, Robert

Cllr Robert Bliss, the leader of Shepway District Council, is reported as blaming Ukip for his defeat by the Liberal Democrats in the county council elections. Perhaps before blaming the voters, the councillor should reflect on the record of KCC and its above-inflation council tax increases over the years, and the Tory party's ambiguous policy regarding Britain's membership of the EU.

Terry Kendall, Ukip, Folkestone and Hythe branch

Watch the Tories turn

After the Kent County Council elections, 74 of the 84 county seats are now occupied by Conservatives. This does not bode well for the people of Kent as the Tories will no longer be held to account for their decisions as there is no effective opposition left.

When ruling parties find themselves with no opposition to challenge their policies, they tend to turn on themselves. This has happened in recent times in Faversham where all the town councillors are Tories. It will be unsurprising if warring Tory factions eventually form on KCC over the coming years.

Also, in the last few days the cabinet has been reshuffled and Swale county councillor Keith Ferrin, who was in charge of Kent Highways, has been sacked by council leader Cllr Paul Carter. We need to keep a watchful eye on the leadership as it is known that powerful Tories are in favour of the expansion of Kent Science Park at Sittingbourne, and the housing estate required to fund a new motorway junction. Cllr Ferrin's sacking may help to smooth the process.

Cllr Adam Tolhurst, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne

Donate you clothes

Did you know it takes 800 litres of water to make one T-shirt and 10 times more energy to make a tonne of textiles than a tonne of glass? The good news is that you can do something about this and we can all reduce our impact on the environment by recycling and reusing our unwanted clothes. Clothes you put in your rubbish are destined for landfill and will eventually release greenhouse gases. Luckily, there is a simple solution. Recycle Week 2009's theme is 'Let's waste less', so why not donate anything you or your family no longer wear to charity? Your gift will be helping others and the planet.

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The monies we raise from the sale of clothes you donate to us is gift-aided to the Salvation Army to support its work with disadvantaged people across the UK. This work includes a network of 57 homeless shelters, programmes that support children, young people and families, residential centres for older people, a family tracing service and help for those suffering from addictions. SATCoL has 3,800 clothing collection banks. Find your nearest one at www.wear2bank.co.uk.

Some clothing collection banks are purely run for profit or only a fraction of the proceeds goes to charity. By choosing a SATCoL bank you can be reassured that your gift is making a genuine contribution to the lives of those less fortunate. Make a difference and make sure your clothes don't go to waste.

Paul Ozanne, national co-ordinator, SATCoL

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Scheme teens honoured for hard work

TEENAGERS who have been taking part in schemes to encourage them to stay in education have been recognised at an awards ceremony.

Medway Council said it runs five different programmes every year to help 14 to 16-year-olds as part of the National Key Stage 4 engagement project.

This year 335 teenagers from Medway's schools and pupil referral units, which are for children who cannot attend school, have taken part in the project.

The scheme equips the young people with skills they can use in education, training or the workplace, as well as developing their social skills.

Rose Collinson, the council's director of children and adults, said: "I'm proud and delighted to be able to help celebrate these young people's amazing academic and personal achievements over the past year.

Progress

"Not only have they achieved impressive results in exams, but they've also made huge progress in their own personal development.

"My heartfelt thanks to everyone who provides work placements, because the continuing success of this programme depends on the support and commitment of everyone who makes it possible for the young people to show what they can achieve through their enthusiasm and hard work. Learning in the workplace has paid off and will continue to do so throughout their working lives."

A special ceremony was held on Wednesday for the students who completed courses over the past academic year.

Forces event will give young people taste of high life

MORE than 1,000 young people are expected to attend a careers event in Kent promoting the work of the Armed Forces and emergency services.

Biggin Hill Airport is hosting the day, which will give teenagers from 28 schools in Kent, Surrey and south London a chance to meet and chat to the RAF Aerobic Team, the Red Arrows, and watch a police dog display team demonstration.

Colin Hitchins, CEO of the event organiser Air Displays International, said: "We have put considerable investment into this event and been encouraged by the positive reaction and support from the uniformed services.

"The occasion will provide an authoritative focus on a wide range of careers and a hands-on opportunity for young people to pursue their ambitions."

He said the Youth Initiative next Friday had been organised as a "curtain-raiser" to the International Air Fair the company is running over the following weekend, June 27-28.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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Mountain rescue

Red Arrow Flight Lieutenant Mike Ling, who flies as 'Red 7', went to St Olave's Grammar School in Orpington and was a member of Biggin Hill Squadron Air Training Corp. He will be able to give careers advice to pupils from his old school.

The RAF will also be bringing Typhoon and Hawk jets, a Merlin helicopter and a training plane. The 1,200 young people will also get to learn about the work of field hospitals and mountain rescues services.

Modern tanks and armoured vehicles, climbing walls and parachute training equipment will be the focus of the Army's display.

The latest Apache and Lynx helicopters will also be on show. The teenagers will be able to see how they would react on a mission through a series of initiative tests under the supervision of army instructors.

Police, the ambulance and fire service will stage a simulated road crash to show how the emergency services work together.

Transport for London Safety and The Safety Camera Partnership have sponsored the event. The Navy and the Marines will also be giving careers advice to the young people and explaining their work.

The International Air Fair that will follow the careers event will see thousands flock to Biggin Hill, which is a former World War Two fighter station, for the flying displays and ground attractions.

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Carl Wheeler, who is in the second year of his course with Howard Joinery, won the South Kent College Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice of the Year.

Keith Whiting, manager of Howard Joinery, said: "This is a tremendous achievement for Carl and one he richly deserves. His standard of work is excellent."

Mr Wheeler also came third in Skill Build, a joinery competition involving people from across Kent and Sussex who compete in an all-day practical event.

Glenn Springett, managing director at Topbond, which is the parent company of Howard Joinery, added: "We have a wealth of skills, experience and expertise within our workforce and it is essential that this is passed on to the next generation."

How to plumb new job heights

THE recession is a good time to learn a new skill, according to a Kent training company.

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Part-time Play Workers **Job ref:CAO623**

Salary: NJC 7-15 (£6.54 - £8.43 per hour)

Location: Medway

We are recruiting for two play workers to look after children aged 0-4 and ensure their safety at all times whilst their carers study in the same room. Courses are planned for Wednesday mornings, 9.15-11.45am for 15 weeks initially. Additional courses may be planned according to demand.

Applicants should hold, or be working towards, NVQ Level 2 in Child Care, Learning and Development, have previous experience of looking after children and be prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service. Knowledge of a minority ethnic language would be an advantage.

Curriculum Manager – Languages and Communication **Job ref:CAO650**

Salary LNFA 4-15 (£20,898 - £33,644 pa pro rata)

Hours: 33.3 hours per week

Location: Medway

Medway Adult and Community Learning Service is seeking to recruit a dynamic person with experience in organising learning programmes for Modern Foreign Languages, British Sign Language (BSL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL).

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The successful candidate is likely to be:

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- Qualified to teach adults. If you do not hold a Cert Ed, DTLLS or PTLLS, you must be prepared to start on a training course at the first available opportunity within your employment and definitely within the first year.
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- Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service and the learner to ensure that the course is fully delivered.
- Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required.

Medway Adult and Community Learning Service is committed to the National Skills for Life Strategy and operates a whole organisation approach to it. All staff are expected to have personal competence in English and Maths at Level 2. If you do not currently have evidence of achievement at this level, we will support successful appointees to undertake the Adult Literacy and Numeracy qualifications within the first year of working for us.

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For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

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Science

IT TECHNICIAN

37 hours per week (ie full-time)
Salary at KCS Band 5, £16,793 to £18,471

A full time ICT Technician is required as soon as possible to assist the ICT Technical Manager in supporting around 400 computers on our curriculum and administration networks.

The networks run MS Office 2003 and a variety specific software in a Windows XP/Windows 2003 network environment using RM Connect 3 and SIMS. Duties will include hardware maintenance, software installation and support and technical support to users. The network has over 1000 user accounts and ICT is an essential resourse for both teaching and the school management.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate their own initiative as well as functioning as part of a team, practical knowledge and problem solving strategies, high quality interpersonal skills, sensitivity to the different levels of expertise in staff and the commitment to keep abreast of new developments in software and hardware.

Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs.

Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than **2nd July 2009.**

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The Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham

Exciting opportunities for 2009

MKC Training Services Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of MidKent College, delivers the trade, technical and professional training for the Royal Engineers at Brompton Barracks. This 30 year contract was awarded in 2008 and following a review we now require a number of new staff to join us in this exciting venture.

Training Design Officer - *c£35k plus benefits*

You will be able to demonstrate experience and appropriate qualifications gained within a Learning and Development environment and are looking for the opportunity to join an established team developing Construction and Engineering courses for a range of trade and technical disciplines within an MOD/Military environment. You will be joining an experienced and friendly team working within "first class" teaching facilities and be able to bring new skills and experiences to enhance the professional services already provided to the Royal Engineers at Brompton Barracks.

Senior Lecturer Electrical & Mechanical Engineering - *c£45k plus benefits*

We are looking for an experienced engineer with a background in Design and/or Maintenance in electrical and mechanical infrastructure and associated project management to teach and mentor Royal Engineer Officers to gain Chartered professional qualifications and Master level academic qualifications. You will hold CEng level in one or more of MIMechE, MIET/MCIBSE or at CEng and prepared to take Chartered Professional review. An MSc in Mechanical or Electrical discipline in preferred. Teaching qualifications are not essential and you will be fully supported to gain appropriate teaching accreditation. This is an exciting opportunity for a "seasoned engineer" looking to pass your skills and experiences onto a receptive core of students who provide the engineering leadership within the British Army.

Job Descriptions and Application forms can be found at www.midkent.ac.uk (follow RSME vacancies)

Please forward completed applications to ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk and/or call 07725 128661 for an informal discussion on any of these positions.

Closing date: 1st July 2009

The College is committed to Equal Opportunities and to selection on merit. It welcomes applications from all sections of society. We particularly welcome and encourage applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.

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Marlowe Academy

Stirling Way, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6NB - Tele: 01843 593326
www.marloweacademy.co.uk

Vacancy for September 2009 for a

Curriculum Leader in Business

(Salary: ££££ negotiable)

This is an amazing opportunity for talented and ambitious professionals to join the academy. Experienced teacher required to expand and develop our Business Studies courses. The post would suit energetic and student focused teachers. This offer is within the expanding Enterprise Faculty with vocational courses at KS3, 4 and 5 including NCFE and BTEC courses. The Academy has already embarked on delivery of the new Diplomas and is looking to expand this - and other - curriculum developments. The post could be available from 1st July 2009.

Kent's first Academy continues to challenge traditional approaches and to drive up standards – twenty six students have now gone on to university and last year's 5A*-C GCSE figure topped 50%. It offers students an innovative and exciting learning experience. We have outstanding purpose built facilities including ICT with laptops and PCs in classrooms. There are 200+ computers in learning bays and teaching areas. Some students are independent learners, using laptops in lessons and in study. The Academy also boasts excellent sports facilities. The post includes being a member of our 6th Form team.

Please send a copy of your C.V. to the school or email jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome.
Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email to address above.

We look forward to hearing from you.
The closing date for post: Friday 26th June 2009



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Valence School

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Personnel Assistant

15 hours per week • 40 weeks per year

This post involves providing administrative support for the Staff Services Department in relation to all aspects of staff personnel matters including recruitment, induction, payroll and pensions.

Kent Scheme Band 6 (pro-rata)
£18,471 - £20,262 full time equivalent

Grounds Maintenance Assistant

15 hours per week • 40 weeks per year

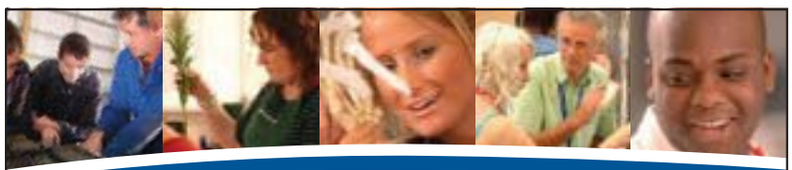
1 full-time or 2 part time positions are available
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Kent Scheme 5
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For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm.

Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN
Tel:- 07887 727182 Fax: 01959-565046
e-mail: vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk



Career Opportunities

Canterbury College

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Head of Faculty Health, Public Services and Care **06/61**
37 hours per week, salary starting at £42,128 per annum

Manager Health & Social Care **06/110**
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum

Section Manager Fine Arts, Crafts and Design **09/33**
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum

Lecturer Media – Radio Production and Media Studies **09/23**
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

Lecturer Motor Vehicle/Motor Cycle Engineering **09/24**
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

Lecturer Motor Sport Engineering **09/25**
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

Lecturer Electrical Installation **09/26**
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

Lecturer Mechanical Manufacture Engineering **09/27**
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

Higher Education Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas: **S/HE**
Early Years to teach on Foundation Degree (applicants with experience of Communication and English for Early Years are welcome)
Counselling (applicants must hold relevant professional counselling qualifications)
Music Technology and Music Performance, to teach on Higher National Diploma and BA (Hons) music degree courses including supervision of dissertations
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

NVQ Assessor Business and Management **09/28**
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post.
Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum

NVQ Assessor Catering and Hospitality **09/29**
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post.
Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum

Learning Support Independent Living and Leisure Skills **08/82**
18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time.
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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 6th July 2009 at 12 noon

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The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment.

Please apply via email to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher at: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday 26th June 2009

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To advertise in this section
01303 817040

MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0649

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to teach on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within the Motor Vehicle Engineering Industry. MidKent College's highly successful Motor Vehicle department is looking for an interactive team member. The ideal candidate will hold a HNC in a related field and either possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are particularly interested in an individual that has the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen subject.

For an informal discussion about this role please call Simon Foot, Head of School on 01622 625864.

Closing date: Friday 26 June

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Science

COVER SUPERVISOR/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

32.5 hours across a five day week (8.30 to 3.50)
Term Time and Development Days Only
(i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement)
Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11
Pro rata £11,847 (full time £15,984)

A flexible person is required as soon as possible to work as a classroom cover supervisor and an administrative support for a busy school. The candidate will be required to supervise classes for most of their working day, while assisting with various administrative tasks the rest of their time. The ability to work independently with initiative and discretion, but within the context of a team, is essential. Experience of working with children and/or in an administrative capacity is desirable.

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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality — Ref: P0544

Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Biology — Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
18.5 hours per week

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BtEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

Lecturer in Sport — Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health Care — Ref: P0650

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Healthcare programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts — Ref: P0651

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Departmental Administrator — Ref: P0245

Salary: £12,795 - £16,059 per annum/pro rata
Full time – Medway Campus
Part Time – Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Closing date: Wednesday 8 July 2009

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COVER SUPERVISOR

Kent Scheme 5 £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata
Full Time, Term Time only

The post involves covering staff sickness and training days at this mixed ability Academy. You will be required to cover all subjects as a floating teacher. We are seeking a strong candidate with a high level of initiative and strong classroom management skills.

SENIOR LAB TECHNICIAN

Kent Scheme 7 £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata
Full Time, Term Time Only

This post involves co-ordinating the use and maintenance of practical resources and facilities. You will be required to provide assistance and advice to teachers, students and technicians regarding the practical needs of the Science Curriculum. You will also be involved in supervising and directing the learning activities of groups of students to ensure their safety. You must therefore have a thorough understanding of Health and Safety procedures, especially relating to work in a laboratory, in order to actively contribute to the assessment, monitoring and review of Health and Safety procedures. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and the ability to relate well to both children and adults.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above.

Closing date is Monday 29th June 2009.

Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

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Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
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To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Administration, Secretarial, PA

Receptionist

Hythe
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 26th June 2009
20 hours per week required for busy doctor's surgery tocover 2 evenings and 3 mornings. Must be flexible, keyboard skills anadvantage but not essential. Please apply in writing with CV to Mrs Jill Blackman, Practice Manager, Sun Lane Surgery, 5 Sun Lane, Hythe, Kent CT21 5JX
To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jill.blackman2@nhs.net

Receptionist

Broadstairs
Salary: £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: 22 June 2009
Laleham Gap caters for pupils from 3-16 and is the county's leading provision for pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties. Required for September 2009: Receptionist needed at our Primary School in Broadstairs 28.5 hours per week term-time (8.30 - 1.45 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and 8.30 - 4.30 Wed) Kent Scheme Band 3 - £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata We are looking for someone to provide receptionist and clerical support at our Primary School in Broadstairs. Duties will include reception duties, word processing, filing, photocopying, answering telephone and email queries. You will need to have up-to-date knowledge of word processing packages and good interpersonal skills. Knowledge of SIMS.Net software would be advantageous. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people in its care and all posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure. Closing Date is 22 June 2009. Please send an A4 sized SAE (with 61p stamp) for an application pack to: Brenda Fallon, Laleham Gap School, 1 South Cliff Parade, Broadstairs, CT10 1TJ E-mail: office@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk

Communications Coordinator

Sittingbourne
Salary: £22,000 (pro rata)
Closing Date: 22 June 09
Working 2 days per week - £22,000 (pro rata) for a fixed term until May 2011. Based initially in Sittingbourne. You will work with the website coordinator and the website development company to support the growth and development of the website. You will research and write content for the website which will be relevant to the VCS in Kent. You will need to have as a minimum, knowledge of web development and data base management. You will help develop Kent CAN's presence and profile in a variety of media platforms. For an application pack, please email communications@kentcan.org or you may download a pack online by visiting the KentCAN website www.kentcan.org For an informal chat about the role, call Keith Morris, Chief Executive on 01795 424333.
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Apprenticeship Administration Assistant

Canterbury
Salary: £95 per week
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To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: 09/19
Tel: 01227 811282
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applications@kosmedia.co.uk

CLAIMS ADVISORS

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Administrator - Generic SPI Service

Canterbury
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Personnel Assistant

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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Closing Date: 2nd July 2009
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Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

Grounds Maintenance Assistant

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Catering, Hospitality

Mealtime Co-ordinator

Sevenoaks
Salary: See Below
Closing Date: Monday 22nd June 2009
3 hours per day (either 11am - 2pm or 12noon - 3pm) Term Time Only This post involves liaising with the Kitchen team, Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists, setting up and clearing the dining room, and supporting students during lunch. Kent Scheme Band 4 (pro-rata) £15,984 to £16,793 full time equivalent. Valence School is a KCC all age residential school for children and young people with physical disabilities, complex medical needs and associated learning and communication difficulties. Valence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting every student's welfare. We expect all staff to share our commitment. The successful applicants will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check. For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm. Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN Tel:- 07887 727182 Fax: 01959-565046 e-mail: vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information:
Valence School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk

HEAD CHEF

Broadstairs
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
G Casino
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01843 579999
Email manager_gc-thanet@
rank.com

Child Care

Childrens Club Leaders and Character Performer

Dover
Salary: TBA
Required for Dover-Calais Ferry contracts. Must be available to work 5 days per week, weekends included and have accommodation in Dover area. Applicant will be subject to a CRB disclosure.
To apply/more information:
Live Business Grosvenor Productions
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jobs@livebusiness.co.uk

Coordinator Early Years

Canterbury
Salary: £27,209 pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
37 Hours per week Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme. For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 09/18
Tel: 01227 811282
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Senior Children's SupportWorker - Sunlight Project

Canterbury
Salary: £23,473 - £27,573 PRO RATA
Closing Date: Friday 26 June 2009
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 580
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

Pre-school Assistant

Medway
Salary: £12,629 pro rata
Closing Date: Friday, 3 July 2009
Grade D1. Starting salary £12,629 pro rata. 32 hours per week, term time only. Location: All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre Pre-school, Tramways Community Centre, 2 Tramways, Luton Road, Chatham, ME5 7LS All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre Pre-school has a vacancy for a qualified, experienced early years practitioner to join the Pre-school team which is based at a satellite building in Luton, Chatham. A minimum level 2 qualification relevant to the post and post qualifying work experience with children aged from 2 years to under 5 years of age is essential. The successful applicant will be confident to work with parents and a range of other professionals and have the drive and desire to provide the highest quality childcare and early learning experiences for young children. Any offer of appointment will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure. If you would like to ask any questions about this vacancy please contact Christine Hogbin on 01634 338833. Closing Date: Friday, 3 July 2009. Interview date: week commencing, 20 July 2009 For an application pack or to apply visit www.medway.gov.uk or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm or 01634 332843 24-hour answerphone. Alternatively email jobs@medway.gov.uk quoting the reference.
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: CA0617B
Tel: 01634 333333
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk

Part-time Play Workers

Medway
Salary: £6.54 - £8.43 per hour
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
Part-time Play Workers Job ref:CA0623 Salary: NJC 7-15 (£6.54 - £8.43 per hour) Location: Medway We are recruiting for two play workers to look after children aged 0-4 and ensure their safety at all times whilst their carers study in the same room. Courses are planned for Wednesday mornings, 9.15-11.45am for 15 weeks initially. Additional courses may be planned according to demand. Applicants should hold, or be working towards, NVQ Level 2 in Child Care, Learning and Development, have previous experience of looking after children and be prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service. Knowledge of a minority ethnic language would be an advantage. For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk Closing date for all posts: 3 July 2009 Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and personal references.
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: CA0623
Tel: 01634 333333
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk

Domestic

Night Cleaners

Canterbury
Salary: £6.42 per hour
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
5 posts, 20 hours each per week. Temporary posts to cover maternity leave not to exceed 12 months. Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme. For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.
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Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 09/22
Tel: 01227 811282
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applications@kosmedia.co.uk

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

Broadstairs
Salary: £9,574 - £10,157 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 3rd July 2009.
We are looking for a domestic assistant to join our team of cleaners. The successful candidate will be someone with high standards who is keen to work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for our students and staff throughout the residential areas as well as classrooms and offices. 30 hours per week, 6.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday - 52 weeks per year with 5 weeks paid holiday to be taken during the school holidays. Salary Kent Scheme Band 1 points 1-3, £9,574 - £10,157 per annum (£6.12-£6.49 per hour). You will be eligible to join the KCC pension scheme. Stone Bay School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be required to have a CRB enhanced disclosure, and two references prior to starting. For an application form and job description please telephone 01843 863421, write to Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, CT10 1EB, or e-mail to office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk. Completed applications to be received by Friday 3rd July 2009. Kent County Council is an equal opportunities employer.
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Quoting Job Ref: KOS
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Education, Teacher, School

EFL

Dover
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To apply/more information:
Dover College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 205969 ext. 201
Email hm.pa@dovercollege.org.uk

HOUSE MANAGER - CHILDCARE

Broadstairs
Salary: £26,067 - £28,172 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009
41 hours per week, (including split shifts and weekends) - Term time only Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.
To apply/more information:
Bradstow School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 608727
Email personnel@
bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk

HOUSEPARENT - CHILDCARE

Broadstairs
Salary: £15,217- £17,233 per annum
Closing Date: 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009
33 hours per week (including split shifts and weekends) - Term time only Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.
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SENIOR CLASSROOM SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Broadstairs
Salary: £13,063 - £14,205
Closing Date: 12 noon, Thursday 2nd July 2009.
£13,063 - £14,205 (plus one hour of contractual overtime weekly) per annum - 36 hours per week - Term time only. The Senior Class Support Assistant will be prime support for teachers in a class, following pre-set work and behaviour programmes, and acting as the second in charge of the class team, leading and mentoring junior colleagues as and when appropriate. Please note that the successful applicant will also be required to work on one Saturday per term, for which overtime will be paid. Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Thursday 2nd July 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.
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LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Broadstairs
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 608727
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EXAMINATION SECRETARY
Rochester
Salary: £14,847 - £18,882 fte Pro rata
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009
Term Time only - 24 hours per week (hours/days to be agreed) Some flexibility of actual working hours may be required Salary: pro-rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 point 12-21 - (currently £14,847 - £18,882 fte). A rewarding opportunity has arisen for a pro-active, organised and self-motivated person to provide primary support for our examinations officer. This will involve preparation of seating plans, organising exam materials and coordinating student entry requirements and exam board queries, and will therefore necessitate dealings with both internal and external bodies. Particularly during the busy primary examination periods during the year some flexibility in working times would be an advantage. This role has a dual function which at other times during the year will require the post-holder to provide support for general admin as necessary. Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on the school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the address. Arethusa Road, Rochester, Kent, ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385 Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk www.thomasaveling.co.uk. The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.
To apply/more information:
Thomas Aveling School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

ATTENDANCE OFFICER
Rochester
Salary: £14,847-£18,882 fte Pro Rata
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009
Arethusa Road, ROCHESTER, Kent, ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385 e-mail: office@thomasaveling.co.uk www.thomasaveling.co.uk Term Time only - 30-37 hours per week (negotiable) Salary: pro rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 Point 12-21 - (currently £14,847-£18,882 fte). We seek an experienced clerical support worker to take over the duties of Student Attendance Officer as soon as possible. Tasks include recording and monitoring attendance of students, providing information for management and completion of returns for local and central Government. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and sound administrative/ICT capability. • Job description and application form available on the school website • Please contact the school to request an informal visit if required Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager, to the above address. The Thomas Aveling School is an Equal Opportunities Employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.
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Coordinator Music and Music technology Level 3
Canterbury
Salary: £27,209 pa
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: C022
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Lecturer Health and Social Care
Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
18.5 hours per week Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn.Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme. For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: L90
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Lecturer Science
Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata for part time posts
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
37 hours per week or 2 x 18.5 hours per week. Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme. For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.
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Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 09/21
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Work Experience placment Officer
Canterbury
Salary: £16,914 pro rata pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
37 hours per week, 38 weeks per term year. One year fixed term post. Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 09/16
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Central Administrator
Canterbury
Salary: £15,085 pro rata pa
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Quoting Job Ref: 09/12
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Cover Supervisor
Maidstone
Salary: £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata
Closing Date: Monday 29th June 2009
New Line Learning Academy was opened on the Boughton Lane site in record time and marks the beginning of a process that will see the Academy rebuilt by September 2010. Our academies offer opportunities to improve outcomes for students attending our schools by placing a greater emphasis on responding to individual need. We are looking to recruit for the following posts for September 2009: Cover Supervisor Kent Scheme 5 £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata Full Time, Term Time only The post involves covering staff sickness and training days at this mixed ability Academy. You will be required to cover all subjects as a floating teacher. We are seeking a strong candidate with a high level of initiative and strong classroom management skills. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above. Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure. New Line Learning is an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information:
New line Learning Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 743152
Email personnel@newlinelearning.com

Senior Lab Technician
Maidstone
Salary: £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata
Closing Date: Monday 29th June 2009
Senior Lab Technician Kent Scheme 7 £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata Full Time, Term Time Only This post involves co-ordinating the use and maintenance of practical resources and facilities. You will be required to provide assistance and advice to teachers, students and technicians regarding the practical needs of the Science Curriculum. You will also be involved in supervising and directing the learning activities of groups of students to ensure their safety. You must therefore have a thorough understanding of Health and Safety procedures, especially relating to work in a laboratory, in order to actively contribute to the assessment, monitoring and review of Health and Safety procedures. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and the ability to relate well to both children and adults. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above. Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure. New Line Learning is an equal opportunities employer.
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Email office@classiceducation.co.uk

Cover Supervisors x 2
Rochester
Salary: £14,891 - £18,937 fte
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
Salary: NJC Scale D2 point 12 - Point 21 (presently £14,891 - £18,937 fte) Term Time - 30 hours per week (Term time only) Commencing September 2009 A rewarding opportunity has arisen for two pro-active, organised and self-motivated persons to join a successful and over-subscribed secondary school to provide teaching cover supervision across the school and cover for absent colleagues as required to a maximum of 25 lessons per week. In addition the successful applicants will be required to support student behaviour management systems and may occasionally be required to undertake other reasonable tasks commensurate with the role as may become necessary from time to time. Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address. The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.
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Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Teaching Assistants
Maidstone
Salary: £14,090 - £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: 12 noon Friday 26th June 2009
Teaching Assistants needed for September 2009 at St Paul's Infant School, Hillary Road, Maidstone • Part-time or full-time work considered • Term-time only • Supporting children on a one-to-one basis For all posts we are looking for candidates who are empathetic, friendly, flexible, organised and good at working in a team to join our happy, supportive school. Visits welcomed Salary KS3 .7 - .11 (£140909 - £15984 pro rata) For an application pack please contact Mrs Wendy Pound, Business Manager on 01622 753322.
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St Pauls Infants
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01622 753322
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Teacher of Science - Maternity Cover from September 2009
Aylesford
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History Teacher
Thanet
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
Maternity Cover - History Teacher Applications are invited for a temporary teacher of History to cover maternity leave from 1st September 09 to 30th April 2009. History is a well led subject with a high profile at this oversubscribed and successful school. The teaching will be mainly KS3. There is a large uptake of students choosing to study at KS4 (120 students) and approx 70 students at A level. We are looking for someone with an interest in and knowledge of 20th Century World History. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment. Please apply via email to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher at: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009 Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/ volunteers to share this commitment. Ursuline College 225 Canterbury Road Westgate-on-Sea Kent CT8 8LX Phone 01843 834431 Fax 01843 835365 Specialist Sports College Roman Catholic Co-educational Voluntary Aided Comprehensive 780 on roll.
To apply/more information:
Ursuline College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 834431
Email info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Student Support Assistant
Sevenoaks
Salary: £14,099 to £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: Monday 22nd June 2009
Full Time and Part Time hours available, Term Time Only. This post involves shift work in supporting students with all their needs throughout their waking day, both within and outside the classroom. Kent Scheme Band 3 (pro-rata). £14,099 to £15,984 full time equivalent Valence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting every student's welfare. We expect all staff to share our commitment. The successful applicants will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check. For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm. Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN Tel:- 07887 727182 Fax: 01959-565046 e-mail: vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information:
Valence School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk

Waking Night Student Support Assistant
Sevenoaks
Salary: £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: Monday 22nd June 2009
Waking Night Student Support Assistant Shifts are 10 p.m. until 8 a.m. Term Time Only. This post involves working waking nights, and supporting students with their personal care needs over the night. There are a number of nights available. Kent Scheme Band 3 (pro-rata). £14,099 - £15,984 full time equivalent plus unsocial hours allowance Valence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting every student's welfare. We expect all staff to share our commitment. The successful applicants will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check. For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm. Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN Tel:- 07887 727182 Fax: 01959-565046 e-mail: vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk
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Training Design Officer
Medway
Salary: c£35k plus benefits
Closing Date: 1 July 2009
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To apply/more information:
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07725 128661
Email ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk

Senior Lecturer Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
Medway
Salary: c£45k plus benefits
Closing Date: 1 July 2009
We are looking for an experienced engineer with a background in Design and/or Maintenance in electrical and mechanical infrastructure and associated project management to teach and mentor Royal Engineer Officers to gain Chartered professional qualifications and Master level academic qualifications. You will hold CEng level in one or more of MIMechE, MIET/MCIBSE or at CEng and prepared to take Chartered Professional review.An MSc in Mechanical or Electrical discipline in preferred. Teaching qualifications are not essential and you will be fully supported to gain appropriate teaching accreditation. This is an exciting opportunity for a "seasoned engineer" looking to pass your skills and experiences onto a receptive core of students who provide the engineering leadership within the British Army. Job Descriptions and Application forms can be found at www.midkent.ac.uk (follow RSME vacancies) Please forward completed applications to ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk and/or call 07725 128661 for an informal discussion on any of these positions.
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Email ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk

COVER SUPERVISOR/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Gravesend
Salary: £11,847
Closing Date: 2nd July 2009
32.5 hours across a five day week (8.30 to 3.50) Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11 Pro rata £11,847 (full time £15,984) A flexible person is required as soon as possible to work as a classroom cover supervisor and an administrative support for a busy school. The candidate will be required to supervise classes for most of their working day, while assisting with various administrative tasks the rest of their time. The ability to work independently with initiative and discretion, but within the context of a team, is essential. Experience of working with children and/or in an administrative capacity is desirable. Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than 2nd July 2009 Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE Telephone: 01474 352896 Fax: 01474 331195 Website:www.ggsg.org.uk email: enquiries@ggsg.org.uk This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
To apply/more information:
Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

Teacher of English
Ramsgate
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
Stirling Way, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6NB Tele: 01843 593326 www.marloweacademy.co.uk Vacancy for September 2009 for Teacher of English Kent's first Academy continues to challenge traditional approaches and to drive

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up standards - over twenty students have now gone on to university and last year's 5A*-C GCSE figure topped 50%. It offers students an innovative and exciting learning experience. We have outstanding purpose built facilities with the very latest ICT; in addition to laptops and PCs in classrooms, there are 200+ computers in learning bays and teaching areas. Some students are independent learners, using laptops in lessons and in study. The Academy also boasts excellent sports facilities. This is an amazing opportunity for talented and ambitious professionals to join the academy. The post would suit an energetic and student focused teacher. Successful NQT candidates are welcome to apply and may start July 2009. . Please send a copy of your C.V. to the school or email jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email to address above. We look forward to hearing from you.
To apply/more information:
Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01843 598550
Email jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

Curriculum Leader in Business

Ramsgate
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
Stirling Way, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6NB Tele: 01843 593326 www.marloweacademy.co.uk Vacancy for September 2009 for Curriculum Leader in Business (Salary: ££££ negotiable) This is an amazing opportunity for talented and ambitious professionals to join the academy. Experienced teacher required to expand and develop our Business Studies courses. The post would suit energetic and student focused teachers. This offer is within the expanding Enterprise Faculty with vocational courses at KS3, 4 and 5 including NCFE and BTEC courses. The Academy has already embarked on delivery of the new Diplomas and is looking to expand this - and other - curriculum developments. The post could be available from 1st July 2009. Kent's first Academy continues to challenge traditional approaches and to drive up standards - twenty six students have now gone on to university and last year's 5A*-C GCSE figure topped 50%. It offers students an innovative and exciting learning experience. We have outstanding purpose built facilities including ICT with laptops and PCs in classrooms. There are 200+ computers in learning bays and teaching areas. Some students are independent learners, using laptops in lessons and in study. The Academy also boasts excellent sports facilities. The post includes being a member of our 6th Form team. . Please send a copy of your C.V. to the school or email jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email to address above. We look forward to hearing from you. The closing date for post: Friday 26th June 2009
To apply/more information:
Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01843 598550
Email jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

Part time Internal Verifiers

Medway
Salary: £16.05 per hour
Part time Internal Verifiers Salary LNFA 8 (£16.05 per hour) Location: Medway We are recruiting for an experienced Internal Verifier to liaise with the allocated External Verifier and co-ordinate the provision of NVQs in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (City & Guilds) and Children's Care, Learning and Development (City & Guilds) to Level 3. The successful candidate will be: • Knowledgeable of the occupational area and requirements of the qualification and hold a D34 / V1 qualification. • Knowledgeable of assessment methodology. • Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service and the learners to ensure that the course is fully delivered. • Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and personal references.
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 338423
Email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Part Time Tutors

Medway
Salary: £19.49 - £24.99 per hour
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 338423
Email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Skills for Life Literacy and Skills for Life Numeracy

Medway
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 338423
Email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Air Conditioning PPM and Repairs Supervisor

Orpington
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 26 June 09
Duties involve Supervising a small team of engineers within major customer sites with critical needs in London and Home Counties. Technically excellent and able to communicate such, to service all works on Close Control, Small Chillers VRV and Split Air Conditioning. The role requires an experienced Supervisor with 5 years or more within a similar role, and possesses plenty of initiative, is motivated and shows positive people and team leadership qualities. Planning jobs, working within profitability targets for PPM works and within budgetary controls for tools, parts and materials. Attending site meetings and dealing with both praise and problems and recommending and actioning effective solutions. Training, coaching and discipline of engineers. Making good use of resources, documents and reporting systems. Good Package plus benefits. Please apply for the full job description and application form. Contact Karen Leader resources@barrierac.com or telephone 01689 899445 in the strictest confidence. Closing date 26 June 09.
To apply/more information:
Barrier Air Conditioning
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01689 899445
Email resources@barrierac.com

Engineering Programme Manager

Rochester
Salary: TBA
At IPS International we take education and training seriously, which is why we have been awarded Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) status in Advanced Maintenance Engineering. We deliver apprentice and adult engineering training for major companies in Kent and throughout the UK. BTEC National Certificate Engineering Programme Manager We are looking for a suitably qualified person to join our team in the delivery of BTEC National Certificate in both Operations and Maintenance and Engineering at our Rochester training centre. You should have a graduate qualification or a minimum of an HNC in Engineering (electromechanical) or equivalent. Relevant industrial experience in an engineering context is important. Experience of teaching and managing in FE is required along with an understanding of the requirements of employer organisations. Experience of managing quality requirements of awarding bodies is essential. Strong organisation, management and communication skills are required along with good IT and presentation skills. IPS is a good company to work for; benefits include a friendly working environment, profit bonus, personal pension, life insurance, medical insurance and support for CPD training. Salary is negotiable and PART TIME OR FLEXIBLE WORKING is available depending on circumstances. To apply, email or post your CV with a covering letter. IPS is an equal opportunities employer; we welcome applicants from all sectors of the community, including minority groups IPS INTERNATIONAL LTD Sir Thomas Longley Road Rochester, Kent, ME2 4DU E: theoffice@IPS-International.com Web: www.IPS-International.com
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Health & Safety, Security, Defense

Residential Caretaker

Sevenoaks
Salary: £18,092
Closing Date: 19 June 2009
West Kent Housing Association aims to provide equality and opportunity for all we house and employ 37 hrs pw split shift Residential Caretaker - Sevenoaks Plus rent free accommodation. Job Ref KOS/BOS003 Spot salary £18,092 West Kent is a top performing housing association providing excellent homes and services across Kent. We are a Sunday Times Top 100 employer and were recently accredited with the Customer Service Excellence Award and are now looking for a residential caretaker who can help our staff, look after our tenants and maintain excellent customer service. Can you be relied on to get the job done? Could you be cutting the grass one minute and rescuing someone from a lift the next? Do you have commercial cleaning and general maintenance skills? Are you health and safety conscious, able to work at heights and move heavy objects? If you can say yes to all the above and are able to use your own initiative, supervise a cleaner, support others and are customer focused, then this could be the job for you. You will need to be able to work a split shift starting at 7:30am. This post offers excellent benefits and rent free accommodation in Sevenoaks town centre, in order to enable you to respond to office security issues and emergencies, including some out of office hours. For more information and to download an application pack, please visit our website or call Sue Ludbrook on 01732 749431. www.westkent.org. Interview date: 6 July 2009
To apply/more information:
West Kent Housing
Quoting Job Ref: KOS/BOS003
Tel: 01732 749431
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Dray Mate

Kent
Salary: £7.50-£8.00 p/h
This job role requires the delivery of barrels, kegs and crates to licensed establishments thoughout Kent, Sussex, Essex and London. The job will involve map reading, as well as loading and unloading products that weigh in excess of 20kgs. Hours of work, Monday - Friday, some weekends / bank holidays, 0500 starts. £7.50/hr, guaranteed 10hrs pay. It is an advantage if applicants have previous dray experience.
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Tel: 01622 664999
Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

IT TECHNICIAN

Gravesend
Salary: £16,793 to £18,471
Closing Date: 2nd July 2009
To apply/more information:
Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Class Leaders

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To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 532201
Email sassal62@gawab.com

Management, Senior Positions

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dartford
Salary: £30,000-£32,000p.a
Closing Date: 19th June 2009
Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services (ADSS) seek a CEO to succeed the current post holder who is retiring. ADSS an independent charity, is the lead provider of practical and emotional support to people with dementia and their carers' in North West Kent and is well regarded by those who use the service and its funders. The role is wide ranging and requires an understanding of dementia and its impact on individuals and their families. You will need a sound knowledge of charity and employment law, financial management, an ability to lead a dedicated team with a commitment to drive the charity forward. This is a full time post 37 hours per week with some unsocial hours. Start date Oct/Nov 2009. To request a postal application pack either Tel: 01474 533990 or email adminadss@btconnect.com by 19th June 2009
To apply/more information:
Alzheimers & Dementia Support
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Tel: 01474 533990
Email adminadss@btconnect.com

FOSTER MANAGER

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
Benecare is looking for a Fostering Manager with Developmental experience who can take our OFSTED Registered Fostering Agency into the next stage of our Strategic plan. Based in Kent we now intend to take our service provision closer to London authorities and to adjacent counties. Our new additional office will be based in Northern / Kent London Borders and it will be part of the successful candidates' job to help set this up. For a full discussion of the role and expectations, terms, and generous performance reward provisions please contact Steve Richmond Managing Director On : Office - 01892 740886 Mobile 07710 145802.
To apply/more information:
Bene Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 740886
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Non-executive director

Kent
Salary: £7,882 pa
Closing Date: 10th July 2009
Non-executive director £7,882 pa for at least 2 days per month Ref: SE9721 Did you know that in some parts of West Kent the average life expectancy is 14 years less than in neighbouring areas? We think that's unacceptable and are doing all we can to raise health standards in all our communities and eliminate inequalities. We are also dealing with the challenges of an ageing population and an increasing number of people living with long term health problems. That is why we are seeking an exceptional person who has gained significant senior expertise in the public, private or voluntary sector to help us shape the future healthcare provision for the people of West Kent. You don't need any medical or NHS experience. You do need leadership skills of the highest calibre as you influence the way a near £1billion budget is utilised. We are particularly interested to hear from candidates with experience of developing and/or delivering services to under-privileged groups in any field. Find more information at www.peoplewho.org.uk or call 0870 240 3802 quoting the reference number for an information pack. We will also be holding an information session at Preston Hall, near Aylesford, on 24th June at 6pm and there are opportunities to have an informal telephone discussion with the Chair. Please phone Christine Goff on (01732) 375213 for information. Interviews: 7th September 2009.
To apply/more information:
West Kent PCT
Quoting Job Ref: SE9721
Tel: 01732 375213
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Marketing, Advertising

Website Coordinator

Sittingbourne
Salary: £23,500 (pro rata)
Closing Date: 22 June 09
Working 3 days per week - £23,500 (pro rata) for a fixed term until May 2011. Based initially in Sittingbourne, with a high level of travel. We are looking for someone to visit voluntary organisations across Kent to support the development of the organisations websites. Must have broad website and IT experience. For an application pack, please email communications@kentcan.org or you may download a pack online by visiting the KentCAN website www.kentcan.org For an informal chat about the role, call Keith Morris, Chief Executive on 01795 424333.
To apply/more information:
Kent Can
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 424333
Email communications@kentcan.org

Motor Trade, Driver

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 26 June
To apply/more information:
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: P0649
Tel: 01634 884402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT and NIGHT CARE ASSISTANT

Hythe
Salary: TBA
Hythe Nursing Home,Hythe Kent Require a HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT Full/Part Time & NIGHT CARE ASSISTANT 8PM - 8AM. Please telephone 01303 265441.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 265441
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Waking Night Carers

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
We are a specialist care home for yonger adults with dementia (Korsakoff's Syndrome) Due to growth, we seek 2 kind, sensible, fun but reliable individuals to join our team and provide care and support to our clients during the night.You will have 4+ yrs experience in mental health/residential care, or equivalent in a person-centered industry. Full training provided for all, including VRQ's?NVQ's. £78 - £94 per 12hr shift, 28 days holiday. For more info, see www.dementia-care.com To apply, call Emma, 9am - 5pm Mon-Fri on 01227 860516 or 07811 200279 or email: emma@theupstreetproject.org.uk
To apply/more information:
Elizabeth House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 860516
Email emma@theupstreetproject.org.uk

Support Workers x 2

Dover
Salary: £9,389
Closing Date: Monday June 29th Kent Refugee Action Network, Riverside Outreach Project Canterbury urgently requires to find 2 part time Support Workers to deliver a programme of Life Skills Training to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. These 2 year posts funded by the Princess Diana Memorial Trust are for 15 hours per week, paid on NJC point 28, giving an annual salary of £9,389 The hours may be subject to increase over the term. The work will initially be required in Ashford and Canterbury and later spreading to other areas within the County. The successful applicants will probably come from a Teaching or Youth Work background but we are interested to hear from anyone with good practical and communication skills. Please contact our Project Manager, Revd Kenneth Berkin at ken.berkin@ntlworld.com or call Ken direct on 07854 409771 if you want to discuss these positions. Application forms may be obtained from the KRAN office at 9 Priory Road, Dover, Kent CT17 9RQ, Tel: 01304 215758 or ann@kran.org.uk
To apply/more information:
Kent Refugee Action Network
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01304 215758
Email ann@kran.org.uk

Domiciliary Care Workers

Kent
Salary: £15,291 pro-rata p.a
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
DGSM yourChoice is a registered local charity established to support people with learning disabilities. We urgently need to recruit motivated, dedicated and committed individuals for the following posts: Dartford, Gravesend, Bexley, Maidstone and Medway. Salary: £15, 291 pro-rata p.a NJC Paypoint 13 Owner/driver is essential Skills and Experience needed for all the above: • Experience of working with people with learning disabilities • Experience of dealing with challenging behaviour • Good team player • Ability to work on a rota system • Ability to work on your own • Confident and calm disposition. In return we offer: ? Training opportunities ? Pension contribution ? Staff Appraisal ? Travelling expenses. For further details and an application pack, please contact us on 01322 281833 or email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk. For more information on DGSM yourChoice visit www.dgsmyourchoice.org.uk
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01322 281833
Email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk

Senior Support Worker

Dartford
Salary: £16,278 p.a
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
DGSM yourChoice is a registered local charity established to support people with learning disabilities. We urgently need to recruit motivated, dedicated and committed individuals for the following posts: Senior Support Worker Highfield Road, Dartford **Salary:** £16,278 p.a NJC Paypoint 16 Good leadership and management skills NVQ Level 3/4 in care or working towards Skills and Experience needed for all the above: • Experience of working with people with learning disabilities • Experience of dealing with challenging behaviour • Good team player • Ability to work on a rota system • Ability to work on your own • Confident and calm disposition. In return we offer: ? Training opportunities ? Pension contribution ? Staff Appraisal ? Travelling expenses. For further details and an application pack, please contact us on 01322 281833 or email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk. For more information on DGSM yourChoice visit www.dgsmyourchoice.org.uk
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Tel: 01322 281833
Email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk

Waking Night Support Worker

Dartford
Salary: £15,895 pro-rata p.a
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
DGSM yourChoice is a registered local charity established to support people with learning disabilities. We urgently need to recruit motivated, dedicated and committed individuals for the following posts Waking Night Support Worker Granby Place, Northfleet. Kent 1 week x 30hrs (3nights) 1 week x 40hrs (4nights) **Salary:** £15,895 pro-rata p.a NJC Paypoint 15 Skills and Experience needed for all the above: • Experience of working with people with learning disabilities • Experience of dealing with challenging behaviour • Good team player • Ability to work on a rota system • Ability to work on your own • Confident and calm disposition. In return we offer: ? Training opportunities ? Pension contribution ? Staff Appraisal ? Travelling expenses. For further details and an application pack, please contact us on 01322 281833 or email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk. For more information on DGSM yourChoice visit www.dgsmyourchoice.org.uk
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COMMUNITY CARERS

Kent
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Thanet
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To apply/more information:
Catalyst
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email ailishw@catalyst-mc.com

Public Sector, Social Services

Curriculum Manager - Languages and Communication

Medway
Salary: £20,898 - £33,644 pa pro rata
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: CA0650
Tel: 01634 333333
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

LGV C Roll On/Off Driver

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £8.50 - £12.75 per hour
Closing Date: 16/6/09
LGV C (HGV Class 2) Drivers required with Roll On/Off experience to cover weekend work at two of our clients sites in Kent. Duites will primarily involve working on a household waste site, emptying and moving bins as necessary. Applicants must be able to show previous experience of Roll On/Off work. You will also be required to sit through a Health & Safety Induction CD. For insurance purposes, applicants must be 25 or over, and have no more than 6 points for minor endorsements (no DRs or DDs). Saturday and Sunday @ £12.75 per hour, Weekdays @ £8.50 per hour.
To apply/more information:
Alex
Best Connection Agency
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 664999
Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

LGV Dray Drivers

Dartford
Salary: £8.50/hr - £9.50/hr
LGV C+E (HGV Class 1) and LGV C (HGV Class 2) drivers required to undertake deliveries of barrels, kegs and crates to licenced establishments throughout Kent, Sussex, Essex and London. Drivers will be accompanied by a drivers mate, who will assist with map reading, and the loading and unloading of goods. Hours of work Monday to Friday and occasional weekends/bank holidays. Start times around 0500. LGV C+E : £9.50/hr, LGV C : £8.50/hr, guaranteed 10hrs per day It is an advantage if applicants have previous dray delivery experience.
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Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

Highways - Boroughs of Gravesham and Dartford and in the District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM, DARTFORD & SEVENOAKS (COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 22nd June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described will be as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Extent	Dates	Diversion
In Sevenoaks			
A25 High Street, Brasted	Between Church Road and Chart Lane	15th & 16th July 2009 between 20:00 and 05:00	A25 Westerham Road, Brasted Road, A233 Beggars Lane, London Road, Westerham Hill, Main Road, Leaves Green Road, Westerham Road, A232 Croydon Road, A21 Farnborough Common, Farnborough Way, Sevenoaks Road, A224 Orpington bypass, London Road, Polhill, B2211 Sundridge Road, Ovenden Road, Chevening Road, A25 Main Road, High Street Brasted
A224 London Road, Riverhead	Between Maidstone Road and Aisher Way	17th & 20th - 22nd July 2009 between 20:00 & 05:00	A224 London Road, Morants Court Road, B2211 Sundridge Road, Ovenden Road, Chevening Road, A25 Main Road, Westerham Road, Worships Hill, London Road
Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks	Whole Length	27th July - 4th August 2009 between 08:00 & 17:00	A224 London Road, Tubs Hill, London Road, Tonbridge Road and Oak Lane
A225 Shoreham Road/Station Road Otford	Between Station Road and Otford Village Pond	3rd-7th August 2009 between 20:00 & 05:00	A225 Shoreham Road, Station Road, High Street Eynsford, A20 Main Road Gorse Hill, London Road Wrotham Heath, A25 Maidstone Road, Sevenoaks Road, Borough Green Road, Ightham By-pass, Sevenoaks Road, Maidstone Road, High Street Seal, A225 Otford Road, Sevenoaks Road
Oak Lane, Sevenoaks	Between Gracious Lane Bridge to Brittains Lane	5th-7th & 10th-13th August 2009 between 08:00 & 17:00	Oak Lane, A225 Tonbridge Road, Weald Road, Gracious Lane
A25 Worships Hill, Sevenoaks	Witches Lane to Amherst Hill	13th-14th and 17th-18th August 2009 between 20:00 & 05:00	A25 Westerham Road, A21 Sevenoaks By-pass, A225 Riverhill, Tonbridge Road, A224 London Road, Tubs Hill, London Road, Amherst Hill
In Gravesham			
Huntingfield Road, Meopham	Longfield Road to A227 Wrotham Road	19th-23rd July 2009 between 08:00 & 18:00	Longfield Road, A227 Wrotham Road
The Beeches, Cobham	Sallows Shaw to end	21st -24th July 2009 between 08:00 & 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible
Sallows Shaw, Cobham	Manor Road to Whitepost Lane	22nd July for 5 working days between 08:00 & 18:00	Manor Road, Sole Street, Round Street, Whitepost Lane
Briar Dale, Higham	Hollytree Drive to Briar Dale	24th July 2009 for 5 working days between 08:00 & 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible
Evergreen Close, Higham	Hollytree Close to end	24th July 2009 for 5 working days between 08:00 & 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible
Carton Close, Higham	Hollytree Drive to End	24th July 2009 for 5 working days between 08:00 & 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible
Bellman Avenue, Gravesend	Abbey Road to Rochester Road	27th July for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Rochester Road and Abbey Road
Gainsborough Drive, Gravesend	Dene Holm Road to Landseer Drive	28th July for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Landser Avenue, Constable Road and Dene Holm Road
In Dartford			
Northdown Road, Longfield	Whitehill Road to the end	30th July for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible
Durrant Way, Swanscombe	Manor Road to Leonard Avenue	31st July for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Manor Road, Swanscombe Street, Durrant Way, and Leonard Avenue
Betsham Road, Swanscombe	Manor Road to Leonard Avenue	1st August for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Manor Road, Swanscombe Street, Keary Road
Leonard Avenue, Swanscombe	Durrant Way to Keary Road	2nd August for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Durrant Way, Manor Road, Swanscombe Street, Keary Road
Munford Drive, Swanscombe	Keary Road to Keary Road	4th August for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Keary Road
Keary Road, Swanscombe	Swanscombe Street to Leonard Avenue	5th August for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Manor Road, Swanscombe Street, Durrant Way, Leonard Avenue
Park Road, Swanscombe	Ames Road to Gunn Road	7th August for 5 working days 08:00 to 18:00	Ames Road, Trebble Road and Gunn Road
Green Street Green Road, Darenth	Darenth Hill to Sandbanks Hill	23rd June for 10 nights 20:00 to 05:00	HGV's - Princes Road, A296 Watling Street, A2 Watling Street, Hall Road, New Barn Road, Main Road
Worcester Close, Dartford	The Avenue to the end	22nd June for 4 days 08:00 to 18:00	Road is Cul de Sac - no alternative route possible

Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Avenue, Ashford between the junctions of Bentley Road and Twelve Acres, on or after 6 July 2009, for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Twelve Acres, Breadlands Road, Osborne Road and Bentley Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(GRANGE ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Grange Road, Tenterden from Shoreham Lane to Ashford Road on or after 6 July 2009 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Ashford Road and Shoreham Lane.

This order will come into force on Monday 6 July 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BENTLEY ROAD AND AYLESFORD PLACE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new waste water pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bentley Road, Ashford, between No.16 and the junction with Hunter Avenue, and Aylesford Place, from 22 June 2009, for an estimated period of two weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bentley Road, Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue. There is no alternative route for Aylesford Place, but pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LINK ROAD, TYLER HILL, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Gas Mains Replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Link Road, Tyler Hill, Canterbury on or after 6 July 2009 for an estimated period of three weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Hackington Road, Wood Hill and Calais Hill

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A291 CANTERBURY ROAD, HERNE) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a Puffin Crossing on the A291 Canterbury Road, Herne, 20.0 metres southeast of the mid point of its southern most junction with Lower Herne Road.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, Herne and Broomwood Parish Council Offices, Herne Mill, Mill Lane, Herne, Herne Bay, CT6 7DR and at the Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury Kent, CT1 1YW.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
ECHO SQUARE, WHITEHILL ROAD, SUN LANE, CROSS LANE EAST AND OLD ROAD EAST, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Echo Square, Whitehill Road, Sun Lane, Cross Lane East and Old Road East Gravesend, as per the attached schedule.

The Order will become effective on 6th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last a total of 16 weeks from the date above. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in column two of the attached schedule.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the replacement of a gas main.

Schedule

Stage Description	Diversion Route
Stage One: Whitehill Road - Traffic restricted southbound between Hollybush Road and Echo Square Laurel Avenue - Closed at its junction with Whitehill Road Canterbury Road - No right turn into Whitehill Road Coombe Road - No left turn into Whitehill Road St Marys Road - No left turn into Whitehill Road	Stage One: Sun Lane, Sharland Road, Whitehill Road and Hollybush Lane
Stage Two and Three: Whitehill Road - No entry from Echo Square roundabout Sun Lane - Traffic restricted northbound between Portland Avenue and Echo Square Roundabout	Stage Two and Three: Sun Lane, Sharland Road and Whitehill Road and Portland Avenue, Central Avenue and Cross Lane East
Stage Four and Five: Cross Lane East - Closed at junction with Echo Square Roundabout	Stage Four and Five: Devonshire Road, Old Road East from junction Cross Lane East/ Devonshire Road
Stage Six: Cross Lane East - Ship Road closed at junction with Old Road East Old Road East - Closed to Westbound traffic from Echo Square roundabout to Spring Grove	Stage Six: Parrock Road, Parrock Street, Lord Street, Windmill Street, Old Road East

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM, (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, as noted in schedule 1.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

The Order will become effective on 22nd June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Repair works.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Extent	Dates	Diversion
Harvel Road, Vigo	Between Whitepost Lane & Eskine Road and Between Eskine Road & Commority Road	22nd June for one week	Waterlow Road and Eskine Road OR White Horse Road, Birling Hill, Stangate Road, Snodland Road, Ryarsh Road, Birling Road, The treet, Woodgate Road, Addington Lane, The Street, Taylors Lane, Vigo Hill, Gravesend Road, Harvel Road
Buckland Road/ Lockyers Hill, Luddesdown	Cutter Ridge Road to Lockyers Hill/ Wrangling Lane	29th June 2009 for three weeks	Leywood Road, Strawberry Hill, Dean Road, Luddesdown Road and Cutter Ridge Road
Whitepost Lane, Cobham	Copt Hall Road to Round Street	13th July 2009 for 1 week	Copt Hall Road, Round Street

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WOOLLEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE)(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Woolley Road, Maidstone between its northern junction with Willington Street to Graveney Road. This order will come into effect on or after Friday 26th June 2009 for a period of up to 5 months or until such works are completed. During this restriction there will also be no access from Freeman Way onto Woolley Road.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Willington Street, Woolley Road and for westbound traffic vice versa. The alternative route for traffic in Freeman Way is via Spencer Way and Willington Street.

Southern Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by this restriction, which is necessary to allow the construction of a flood alleviation scheme in the area. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Alan Cuxson on 01273 345 200.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN TOVIL, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Cripple Street, Maidstone from its junction with Broadoak to Teasaucer Hill, the entire lengths of Teasaucer Hill, Bockingford Lane, Hayle Mill Road and Cave Hill. The order will come into effect on or after Monday 22nd June 2009 for a period of up to 6 weeks, as and when indicated by signage on site or until the works are completed.

The alternative route for the routes described above is for westbound traffic via A229 Loose Road, Sheal's Crescent, Hayle Road, B2010 College Road, Tovil Road, Tovil Hill, Straw Mill Hill, Cave Hill, Hayle Mill Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for highway improvement works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSPITAL HILL, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hospital Hill, Hythe from its junction with Seabrook Road to its junction with Upper Corniche on or after 6 July 2009 for an estimated period of eleven weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via West Road, North Road, Military Road, Sandgate High Street and Sandgate Esplanade.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(C186 ST MARYS ROAD, NEWCHURCH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on C186 St Marys Road, Newchurch from the junction with The Street to the junction with Pickney Bush Lane, outside Rookland Farm Cottage on 25 June 2009 for an estimated period of 7 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street and Gammons Lane.

Highways - Borough of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SWALE AVENUE, RUSHENDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009. THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Swale Avenue, Rushenden for its entire length between the junctions with Well Road and Rushenden Road between 6 and 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of one day as advisd by the appropriate signage on site or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Well Road, First Avenue and Rushenden Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 6 July 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHBURNHAM ROAD, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Ashburnham Road, Ramsgate from Southwood Road to Chapel Road on or after 6 Jul 2009 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Ashburnham Road, High Street St Lawrence and Chapel Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 6 July 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(GRAVELELY BOTTOM LANE, SUTTON VALANCE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Gravely Bottom Lane Sutton Valance from Ulcombe Road, Pitt Road to the junction of Broomfield Road Kingwoods on or after Monday 6th July 2009 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for Northbound traffic via Pitt Road, Chartway Street and Broomfield Road and for Southbound traffic vice versa.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to renew Areal cable Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tracy Zeal on 0870 0500792

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, AYLESFORD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC & ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Station Road between Bridge Place and Bailey Bridge Road (at the bridge which crosses the Medway) on or after Monday 22nd June 2009 for a period of up to 1 month or until such works are completed. At weekends traffic will be prohibited in both directions. During the week a one way traffic order will be in place allowing through traffic in a westbound direction only.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Hall Road, A20 London Road, Rocky Hill, Broadway, St Peter's Bridge, Fairmeadow, A229 Royal Engineers Road, Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Bailey Bridge Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

Ward Homes Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a pedestrian crossing. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Bryn Kemp of Peter Brett Associates LLP on 01732 229651.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A26 ST JOHN'S ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A26 St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells between the junctions of Floyd Close and East Cliff Road on Sundays 21st/28th June and 12th July 2009 for a period of up to 1 day on each occasion or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound through traffic via the A26 St Johns Road (northbound), London Road, Quarry Hill, A2014 Pembury Road, A21 Pembury Road, Tonbridge Road, Pembury Bypass, A264 Pembury Road, Calverley Road, Crescent Road, Church Road and for northbound through traffic vice versa. Also local diversions via other roads will be in place during the restriction.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Julian Cook on 08458 247 800.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

THE WARDENS AND ASSISTANTS OF ROCHESTER BRIDGE IN THE COUNTY OF KENT
"THE ROCHESTER BRIDGE TRUST"
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 207100
CHARITIES ACT 1993 & MEDWAY TUNNEL ACT 1990

The Rochester Bridge Trust gives notice that it is proposing to transfer the Medway Tunnel to Medway Council pursuant to section 25 of the Medway Tunnel Act 1990 and make a payment to the Council of £3.648 million.

The Trust invites the public to raise any further matters which might affect its provisional decision that this transfer would be in the best interests of the Trust and its beneficiaries.

Background information and a summary of the matters taken into account by the Trust are available on the website at www.rbt.org.uk or a copy may be requested by telephoning 01634 846706 between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm Monday to Thursday.

Responses should be sent using the response form on the website or by post to the Bridge Clerk, The Rochester Bridge Trust, 5 Esplanade, Rochester, Kent ME1 1QE. The closing date for responses to be received by is 21 July 2009.

A summary of all representations received will be considered by the Trust and its response and final decision will be published on the website.

Dated 18 June 2009
Bridge Clerk

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/01226/LB – 24 Douces Manor St Leonards Street West Malling Kent ME19 6UB – Mrs Seys Phillips is applying for Listed Building Application: Insertion of a new window to provide fire escape from bedroom. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/01241/LB – Old Forge Cottage Forge Lane West Peckham Maidstone Kent ME18 5JP – Mr R King is applying for Listed Building Application: Replacement of all windows and rear door and patio doors at Old Forge Cottage with new timber purpose made joinery. Reason: LB

TM/09/01159/FL – Belmont 4 Spring Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DN – Mr Stephen Edwards is applying for loft conversion with rear dormer. Reason: CA HH

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB	Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA	Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
HH	Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 12 July 2009.

David Hughes
Chief Executive
21 June 2009

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Is this the Golf GTI's arch-rival?

By **STEVE LOADER**

MOTORING anoraks up and down the land will expel much hot air arguing whether Volkswagen's latest Golf GTI is once more the 'daddy' of the hot hatch sector.

But it is hard to think of a rival that can match its combination of image, poise, quality and class, though VW itself might well have 'hatched' its closest rival.

This is the Golf GTD (from £21,850) arriving at dealers next week, a three or five-door diesel hot hatch that highlights a seismic upheaval that has seen diesel cars overtake petrol in the new car market.

The newcomer's sophisticated 170PS (168bhp) 2.0-litre turbodiesel can take the GTD to 62mph in 8.1 seconds and while that is a bit shy of the GTI's 6.9 seconds, there will be many would-be owners and tax-conscious company car user choosers who will note the trade-off – the GTD's CO2 emissions of just 139g/km (£120/year road tax) and a potential average fuel consumption of 53mpg.

This compares with the GTI's 170g/km (£175) and 38.7mpg and slightly higher starting price of £22,415.



As with the GTI, VW is also offering the GTD with its impressive six-speed twin-clutch DSG automatic gearbox, which mirrors fuel consumption of the standard manual and can be driven in manual mode.

We have not yet driven the GTD, but it can be predicted that VW will not have applied a GT badge without delivering a rewarding drive based on the excellent Golf platform we have sampled in standard form.

The diesel flier also looks the part with a GTI bumper and honeycomb grille framed by chrome fins and a prominent 'GTD' badge.

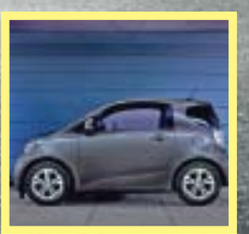
Body-colour rear bumpers give the rear end a lower and meaner stance and the car has unique 17-inch Seattle black alloys.

Stylists have also shrewdly given the cabin a unique signature: flat-bottomed steering wheel, leather gearshift and grey, white and black tartan upholstery.

The car features standard Golf safety features that have earned the maximum five-star NCAP crash test rating: electronic stability programme and seven airbags, including a knee airbag.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Green twin-charger hammers hybrids

VOLKSWAGEN group's now famous twin-charger 1.4-litre petrol engine has been voted Green Engine of the Year ahead of Toyota and Honda's latest petrol-electric hybrids.

This is no mean achievement for a low emission engine delivering impressive performance to cars like the VW Scirocco coupé and forthcoming Seat Ibiza Cupra.

Its turbocharger plus supercharger give diesel-style low and mid-range power when required, yet keep general fuel consumption and emissions lower while also saving weight against an equivalent diesel.

Driving has been impressed by versions we have tried and International Engine of the Year Awards judges said of the VW engine: "It's a masterstroke of downsizing technology and a real engineering showcase."

They went on to predict it would be the template for a new generation of high efficiency, small capacity engines.



Peugeot goes hybrid with a 'Qashqai killer'



PEUGEOT aims for 'a Qashqai' bonanza and more when it launches its own crossover later this year.

Not only will the 3008 present the same family hatchback/MPV flexibility and SUV/4x4 styling of Nissan's Sunderland-built star, but mark Peugeot's first venture into hybrid drive and be the UK's first diesel-electric hybrid. The electric motor between the rear wheels gives the 3008 all-wheel drive capability using a weight and space-saving 'drive-by-wire' control system.

Apart from this greener powertrain option, Peugeot has also shed weight wherever possible to cut emissions, fuel consumption and road tax.A split rear tailgate has been adopted, as on the bigger 4007, with the lower tailgate doubling as a seat when open.

Peugeot is also making much of an 'aeronautical' cockpit design including fighter plane 'head up' display for speed and other information.

Prices will be confirmed nearer launch.

An above average IQ

TOYOTA'S impressive, but premium priced, IQ city car gets a power boost in July with the launch of a new 1.33-litre petrol version with Stop & Start.

Pricing for the 99bhp IQ3 is to be confirmed, but it will sit above current 67bhp 1.0-litre IQ versions, which start at £9,495.

The IQ's width and comfort levels make it feel more than the truncated runabout that it is and, unlike its strictly two-seat Smart ForTwo arch-rival, it can seat three adults and, arguably, a child in a fourth seat. It can still average nearly 60mpg too – the 1.0-litre IQ averages nearly 66mpg – thanks to Stop & Start, carried over from Toyota's Yaris supermini.

Toyota reckons this cuts fuel use by up to three cent by automatically stopping the engine when the car stops and then re-starts it. However, the 1.33's extra power and acceleration raises emissions so that the IQ3 incurs £35/year road tax – the smaller engine is tax free.



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Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai i20 1.4 Comfort: Urban 39.2 (7.2), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7), Combined 50.4 (5.6), CO_2 Emissions 133g/km.

by STEVE LOADER

Recession opens up convertible market

THERE'S a recession on, but we are promised a decent summer – counter arguments if you fancy a convertible.

But many would-be buyers are itching to jump into a market where there is plenty of choice as new and used prices have fallen after some owners sold up as finances were squeezed.

The UK has been the star convertible market in Europe for some 15 years, with enthusiasm fuelled by folding hardtops, pioneered in the mainstream by the 2001 Peugeot 206CC.

Choice in the 1990s was largely limited to the two-seat MX-5 and MGF roadsters, and executive four-seaters like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4.

The Golf convertible – still a good buy if you can track one down in good condition – was an anomaly now superseded by the Golf-derived, but individually styled Eos (from £19,710).

The MG has returned to the market, but is largely built in China and assembled in the UK. It is based on the defunct Rover Group's final MG TF model and will soon be available in cut price TF135 form (£13,511). The MX-5 (from £16,345) is now in its third generation, enhanced by a recent facelift and available with either classic 'ragtop' or ingenious CC (coupé convertible) folding hardtop.

Peugeot is a major open-top player with its own CC range; the 206CC has given way to the far more solid 207CC (from £16,455), while the French marque launched the upmarket 308CC (£19,495) only this month.

Some contenders appeal specifically to the female half of the market, but you could argue that the Vauxhall Tigra (from £15,000) has crossover appeal in its more powerful forms. It is strictly two-seat, but looks sharp with powered folding hardtop up or down.

Like the trendy hatchback it derives from, the Fiat 500C (from £11,300) may also have crossover appeal although the 'wind in the hair' comes from a rollback canvas roof rather than proper folder.









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DrivingReview



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Hyundai i20



Three doors argument struggles to light my fire

IS there still room in the market for conventional three-door small cars?

I'm not talking about Minis or Fiat 500s or racy three-door spin-offs such as the Seat Ibiza SportCoupé, catering for the style conscious.

No, my target is the typical small hatch that looks much the same in three or five-door format, except that deleting two rear doors saves £350 to £750, but adds more inconvenience.

Some carmakers clearly don't rate them: Skoda shuns offering a three-door Fabia; Honda doesn't bother in the case of the rival Jazz; the Daihatsu Sirion/Subaru Justy/Perodua Myvi clone sells only as a five-door; and you can't have a three-door Fiat Panda or Kia Picanto.

Ambitious Korean brand Hyundai does not offer a three-door version of its i10 city car either but, perversely, sells a three-door Hyundai i20 that I have just decided is a shadow of it five-door self.

Despite a high-sill rakish rear window, the car still closely resembles its more practical sister and the front seat fold/slide mechanism allowing access to the rear is clumsy and irritating to use and needs re-setting each time – would-be buyers with babies or small kids to strap in are better off paying around £450 for extra doors. Once in the back, the space is generous if claustrophobic, due to those windows, but then you struggle to get out.

I like the i20 generally though and Hyundai's efforts to be taken more seriously; it is now the world's fifth biggest carmaker and the new generation 'i' series is impressive, while the brand's traditional strengths of keen prices and universal five-year warranty reassure UK consumers as they check finances more closely.

The i20 was launched early this year after being designed in and for Europe (in Germany), but is built in India to keep costs down.

Longer and wider than its predecessor, the Getz, it feels roomier and better arranged while boot space bears comparison with some cars from the class above. And it is packed with value: every i20 comes with a full complement of airbags, air con and glove box cooler, electric front windows plus fully adjustable wheel and driver's seat – all from £8,195.

Hyundai is also playing a canny game under the Government sponsored Scrappage scheme for owners of cars 10 or more years old; a qualifying i20 buyer could, save some £3,000 by trading in a banger.

But he or she might also be missing out on the 'wow' factor of buying a new car. For the i20's chassis set-up is a balance between comfort and sporty, yet falls short of the driver feedback of sophisticated rivals like the latest Ford Fiesta.

And the interior is robust with nice touches such as chrome door handles, but even lively upholstery in our mid-range Comfort trim test car failed to lift the slightly dour atmosphere, though you do get a full USB link for your MP3 player/iPod at this level.

There are three engine options, but I immediately discount the 75bhp 1.4-litre diesel tested here; with lots of low-down power, you need to be careful not to make the front wheels scrabble under initial acceleration in wet conditions, yet it runs out of puff later and generally feels unrefined, in such a small car.

It also adds £1,000 to the price of the equivalent 99bhp 1.4-litre petrol, but I reckon the 77bhp 1.2 petrol is the best buy of all. The 1.4 petrol costs from £500 more yet brings little extra urge for the higher fuel consumption and emissions. The smaller unit also has a crisper gearbox and drive quality.

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- Hyundai i20 1.4CRDi Comfort three-door £9,995
- Range: £8,195-11,845
- Garage stats: 3.94m by 1.71m three-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,396cc/75bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving the front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 100mph and 0-62mph in 16.2 seconds.
- How green?: band-B(£35/year) road tax - 116g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 64.2mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 45 litres/9.9 gallons
- Insurance group: 3
- Warranty: five years/unlimited miles
- Rivals: Chevrolet Aveo, Citroën C2/C3, Daihatsu Sirion, Fiat Punto, Ford Fiesta, Kia Rio, Mazda2, Mitsubishi Colt, Nissan Micra, Perodua Myvi, Peugeot 207, Proton Satria Neo, Renault Clio, Seat Ibiza, Skoda Fabia, Subaru Justy, Suzuki Swift, Toyota Yaris, Vauxhall Corsa

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Synchronica's smart move

TUNBRIDGE Wells-based mobile software giant Synchronica has unveiled an email product for businesses that works on any handset, so companies won't need to upgrade to smartphones.

The firm says its Mobile Gateway Enterprise Edition enables Nokia series 40 mobiles to connect to Microsoft Exchange, offering affordable email and synchronisation.

It has already been selected by a major Indian bank for its middle and junior management tiers, supplementing smartphones used by executives. Kathryn Weldon, principal analyst at Current Analysis said: "What makes this different is that it works on almost any mobile phone in use today."

Carsten Brinkschulte (pictured right), chief executive officer of Synchronica, said: "We felt there was a gap in the market for a low-cost, business-grade mobile email and synchronisation solution that could be installed on the corporate network and managed internally."

Synchronica has a development centre in Germany and offices in the USA, Hong Kong and Dubai.



Creative thinking in the high street

BOARDED-UP shops could be a thing of the past in Kent's high streets if town centre managers run with ideas being put forward by the Government.

Peter Daniels, associate solicitor with Chatham-based Stephens & Son LLP, said: "The county could open the doors to an artistic and creative revival if town centre managers heed government proposals."

In a new guide, Looking After Our Town Centres, the Government suggests creating so-called 'meanwhile leases' that permit a council to take on and sublet a property.

This removes some of the risks that could be encountered by a commercial landlord.

And under this type of lease, closed retail units could be reopened as social enterprises, offering everything from education and learning support to art and cultural exhibitions.

These would operate on a non-commercial basis, and mean people or charities with the funds to take on premises – but without the track record commercial landlords need – would have an outlet, while the town would also benefit.

The Government recently raised the threshold for which landlords are liable for empty business rates from £2,200 to £15,000.

However, landlords would not have to pay business rates for properties occupied by social enterprises. Mr Daniels has clients who have identified opportunities but are limited by financial and planning constraints. He believes the initiative could be a win-win situation if local authorities take up some of the recommendations.



PETER DANIELS: A greater good

He said: "Nobody likes to see boarded-up shops, but few businesses have the confidence to open in this economic climate. There are tremendous costs involved in starting a new venture, including surmounting the red tape to obtain planning permission or change of use for premises.

"Local authorities might also like to exercise their powers to permit change of use without recourse to committee and the need to obtain planning permission, which can be time-consuming and costly.

"These are quite radical proposals when you consider the normal permissions required to take on the lease of a retail unit.

"However, we are living in challenging times and it would be good to see local authorities respond in the right spirit.

"Vibrant town centres are good for business, they enthuse and encourage, while boarded-up shops have a negative impact.

"These proposals can only be for the greater good."



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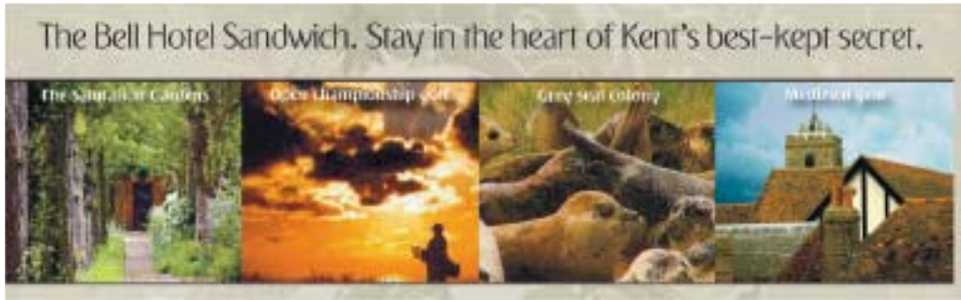
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FSB reports upbeat mood

KENT'S small businesses are more upbeat about the future than they've been for two-and-a-half years.

A straw poll of members of the county's Federation of Small Businesses has given a lift to the FSB's six-monthly business barometer. Nearly 240 responses showed a reversal of the decline in business prospects and sales seen in the last 30 months.

Sixteen per cent of small businesses reported improved prospects for the coming 12 months, up from just four per cent in November, although still remaining below May, last year, and half the level in 2007.

Sales compared with 12 months ago have also recovered slightly, with 54 per cent of respondents recording the same or better turnover than May, 2008.

Operating costs are still the main concern and they are keeping profits below last year for 52 per cent of respondents.

Roger House, chairman for the FSB in Kent, said: "Entrepreneurs need to be proactive to get more business and our barometer indicates small businesses are working hard to overcome the financial crisis."

The FSB has 7,000 members in Kent and Medway.

Workshops can take terror out of redundancy

KENT companies being forced to make staff redundant have the chance to provide employees with some hope for the future with a new workshop programme aimed mainly at the over-40s.

After a successful pilot, Shape Your Future, a two-and-a-half day workshop designed by Business Link and offering staff facing redundancy chances to explore options and possible self-employment, is going countywide.

Sharon Massingham, who designed the programme, said: "The feedback we have had from delegates who attended the pilot in Medway was extremely positive.

"Redundancy is a very difficult issue to address, not just for employees but also for their bosses who are often reluctant to let them go.

"Employers making a series of people redundant and able to make an investment in their staff should give us a call.

"We run our programme on site and help ensure that employees who are about to lose their jobs know what their options are."

She added: "Although it's primarily aimed at the over-40s, the programme can be beneficial to people of all ages. With unemployment continuing to rise, more mature workers are particularly vulnerable at the moment.

"They may be feeling that they won't find work again, but our course is designed to help them get their self-confidence back.

"Anyone who has been made redundant must remember they still have the same skills and experience they had when they were employed and we can help people recognise that.

"The current climate offers opportunities to anyone willing to look for them. Perhaps you have a hobby or an interest that could be turned into a profitable business?

"It is worth exploring all your options and finding out whether your dream job could be working for yourself."

A large number of delegates who have taken part have now signed up for Business Link's business start-up courses. Shape your Future is funded by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda). Details on 01732 878586.

Channelling aspirations

KENT marketing agency Adams Creative helped a leading spinal injury charity, Aspire, promote its flagship fundraising event and raise an amazing near-half million pounds last year.

Aspire's Channel Swim has been held for the past 10 years and in 2008 Adams Creative was appointed to give it a fresher and more dynamic image.



Those taking part swim equivalent of the English Channel – 22 miles – in any swimming pool over a 12-week period. Funds are raised through sponsorship.

Aspire hoped to raise £420,000 in the 2008 Channel Swim but made a whopping £482,285.

Chris Field, head of fundraising, said: "The 2008 Channel Swim was our most successful to date."

Adams Creative, which has offices in Ashford and Maidstone, also designed a website and encouraged participants to raise more money by redirecting them to a Justgiving web page after they registered for the event online.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Jam Sandwich with a pint of Sheps is Tom's ultimate night

Shepherd Neame is becoming world famous. Its Kentish ales and award-winning pubs are high profile, but it's what goes on behind the scenes that makes Britain's oldest brewer so successful.



Tom Falcon joined the Faversham-based company just under a year ago as production and distribution director, with the challenge of modernising Sheps' brewing and distribution, without sacrificing tradition or compromising quality.

New to the brewing industry, Mr Falcon drew on his background in logistics and business improvement to introduce new methods and ways of working.

Responsible for the whole operational process from hop to bar top, his role includes working with suppliers, overseeing production and packaging, managing the distribution centre and ensuring beer reaches customers in perfect condition.

He has already made significant improvements. He's reckoned to be a strong leader who values contributions from all employees and believes in helping his team reach its full potential.

As Sheps continues to grow, Mr Falcon expects the same momentum over the next 12 months, coupling investment in latest information and management systems and new technology, with the traditions of experience. He spoke to KOS Media:



Q What is your background and how did it fit in with your job at Sheps?

A My background is in transport and logistics and prior to joining I was a member of Maersk's executive team in the UK, responsible for business and operational improvements.

My career has taken me around the world – from drilling for water in the Kalahari desert in South Africa to studying for an MBA in France.

Sheps was looking for someone with relevant skills and experience, but from outside the brewing and pub industry. I have been able to bring fresh thinking to its key operational areas, especially in regards to manufacturing and process improvements.

Q What changes have you carried out, and what are the measured outcomes?

A One of the biggest changes has been the development of how the team works together. I think it's very important to create a modern and open culture where everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas and help with problem solving.

We have clear objectives and can see how they're being met.

We've introduced a new computer system – SAP – which enables us to look at the whole supply chain, from purchasing raw materials to delivering beers to pubs.

The system tracks the whole process and can produce delivery notes, invoices and assist with production planning and warehouse management.

It means we can monitor demand and sales in real time, and help reduce stock levels and improve availability by getting our beer to market faster.

Then of course there's our new bottling line, which will double our capacity and more consistently produce high volumes of bottled beer, to meet demand from customers and the growing take-home market. It will also reduce energy costs.

Q What are your plans for the next 12 months and how do you aim to achieve those targets?

A It's still early days, and I'll be looking to continue the projects and initiatives that have been put in place over the last year.

For example, one of the key areas will be continuing to improve warehouse operations – such as reducing loading times and forklift journeys.

It's simple measures like these that make such a difference to the supply chain.

Q How much of Sheps' production is carried out with resources from local suppliers?

A Sheps has always been proud to work with local suppliers.

All our beers are made from Kentish hops and where possible we use local barley, as well as water from the brewery's artesian well.

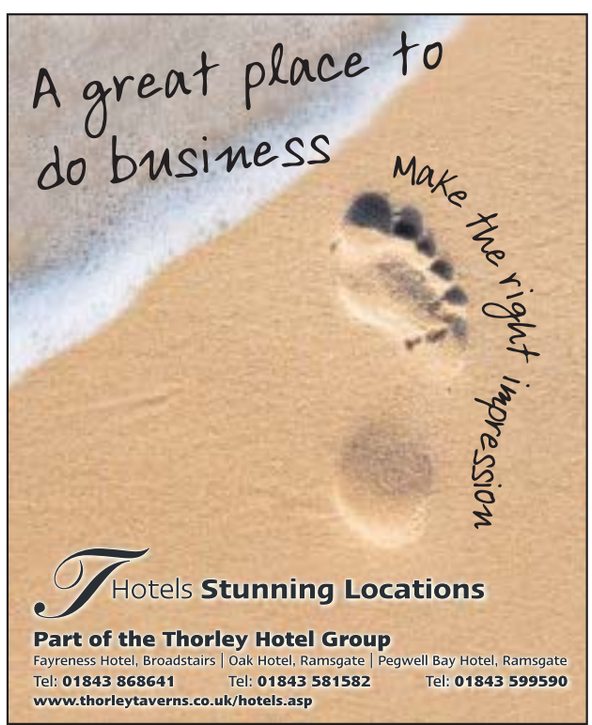
I find it very encouraging that despite rivalry from outside the region, Kent businesses are still capable of providing great products at competitive prices.

Q How do you relax?

A Perhaps relax isn't the right word, but my four young children certainly keep me entertained.

If it's peace and quiet I'm after, I enjoy fishing. I play tennis, too.

Although the ultimate escape for me has to be playing guitar in rock band Jam Sandwich.





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By **LIZ RULE**
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THOUSANDS of investors who have a certain type of policy with Aviva (formerly Norwich Union) will shortly be receiving a pack asking them to make a choice on a reattribution offer.

This essentially means Aviva has money it describes as 'orphaned', or an 'inherited estate' – money that has built up in a 'with profit' fund over many years that is more than required to meet policyholder commitments.

One could ask why it has not simply paid higher bonuses to policyholders over the years, then it wouldn't have to deal with this surplus. A cynic might say it has obviously been holding back too much, but such is the nature of 'with profit' funds.

Despite adding a special bonus to investors' policies to the tune of about £2 billion, Aviva has more orphan funds to distribute and the reattribution offer is a direct cash payment. In return, the investor gives up the right to future potential bonuses and distributions.

Investors who vote for the reattribution will, if it goes through, receive a cheque by the end of the year. Those who vote no, or do not vote, will not get a payment, but will retain the right to share in any future payouts.

Those asking my opinion will be advised to vote yes. As the proverb says: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

After all, it's your money – and better off under your control.



Movers & Shakers

DSH TEAM: Jon Manley, Hayley Kingsnorth, Kate Blandford and Sarah Jennings

MAIDSTONE-based DSH chartered accountants and business advisors has promoted Hayley Kingsnorth to business services manager.

Hayley, 26, from Sittingbourne, has been at DSH for four years. Her new role will allow her to get more involved with clients and make recommendations based on her knowledge of their businesses. She will also be responsible for organising and monitoring the performance of the business sevices team.

Further changes at DSH include Jon Manley, who has been with DSH for 31 years, taking on the role of group accountant, having previously been business services manager. He takes over from Trevor Partridge, who has retired after 22 years with the firm.

Kate Blandford, from Chatham, and Sarah Jennings, from Maidstone, are both taking on the role of account managers.

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B2B exhibition has it all

IT ALL started with an informal gathering 23 years ago – now the annual Business to Business Exhibition organised by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce has become so successful that this year at least 1,000 visitors are expected.

It's taking place at the Ashford International Hotel on Wednesday and the event, which started at the request of members, has become one of the premier business events in Kent, attracting exhibitors from across the county and beyond.

Exhibitors encompass a whole range of activities – and not just those immediately associated with commerce. As well as the familiar services to commerce and industry such as business services, recruitment, training and office supplies, there are plenty that cover a much wider field.

Examples at past exhibitions have been wildlife consultants, saving Canterbury Cathedral, a magician, hot-air ballooning, lifeboats and driving – from go-karts to Land Rovers.

With more than 1,000 visitors expected, the business and networking opportunities are immense. In past years, deals have been negotiated which have benefited many companies' trading potential.

For those who just want to browse, the exhibition represents the best of business from the local area and throughout the South East. Whatever your interest, whatever your requirement, you are likely to find it represented here – and it will be represented by a company that has the confidence and reputation to be able to present itself in a top-quality forum. Jo James, chamber chief executive, said: "For many years we have been developing this exhibition to build it into an event that suits everyone.

"For nearly a quarter of a century we have listened to feedback from exhibitors and visitors, and we have acted on their suggestions. We, and the exhibitors, believe we have all got it just right.

"We tend still to call it a Business to Business Exhibition, but it is more than that. Certainly, it fulfils the B2B criteria, but it is a business maxim that everyone is a potential customer for somebody, and equally every business is a potential supplier for everybody.





JO JAMES: 'Kent Invicta Chamber is one of the largest in the South East and certainly one of the most active. We are very fortunate to have an excellent team dedicated to delivering a quality service to our members'



"Whether you are a businessperson looking for customers, or a customer looking for suppliers, I urge you to come along and visit the exhibition. Whatever your role, it is unlikely that you will find a situation with better potential to satisfy your requirements.

"With the current economic and financial difficulties, it is important to promote your company as much as possible. Promotion and marketing are seen as essential contributions to beating the downturn. Our exhibition is one of the best ways to achieve both."

Running in conjunction with the exhibition are free business workshops, a networking lunch with guest speaker Cllr Kevin Lynes, Kent County Council's cabinet member for regeneration, and free drop-in business advice from the chamber's senior business advisor, Malcolm Finch.

The workshops, which run at various times throughout the day, are: Networking for Success, presented by QJ of Quite Stunning; Marketing – Making The Most of Your Budget in a Recession, by Morag Welham; Telesales – Effectively Reaching New Customers, by Stephen Carroll of Performance Partnership.

And Mr Lynes will address the lunch on the Backing Kent Business campaign and what it means for the county.

Entry is free and the doors open to the public from 10am to 5pm.

• ***For more details, contact Frankie Wiggins on 01233 503838, email frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk.***

FACT FILE

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• With more than 1,200 members, it has a growing reputation as one of the most proactive and successful accredited chambers in the South East

• It holds in excess of 100 events per year, ranging from informal networking to business exhibitions, and offers a wide range of cost-saving services, support and business development

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Timeline

Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear

1909

100 YEARS AGO: A LARGE gathering of spectators saw Kings Arms Loose beat Telegraph Inn Wateringbury 79-60 in the Maidstone & District Quoits League, keeping them second in the table behind Morning Star.

The Kent Rifle Association's 49th annual competition was held on the Milton Ranges, with Corporal TG Thorne winning with a score of 101.

Price of beer went up by at least 1d.

Kent atoned for the previous week's defeat at Tonbridge by thrashing Gloucestershire at Catford by an innings and 314 runs with Humphreys scoring 208.

1959

50 YEARS AGO: COLIN Cowdrey made the highest ever score by a Kent batsman at Blackheath, posting 250 of Kent's 560 for 6 against Essex, but Kent were held to a draw by the championship leaders, despite posting their highest score for a decade. Essex included the future TMS doyen Trevor Bailey.

There was a dream day for Town Malling CC as they open their new pavilion. Three years saving and six months building gave the club a single-storey building that was previously a sergeants' mess at Detling aerodrome, after years of having to change in 'tumble down sheds' at the historic old county ground.

Maidstone United were admitted into the Isthmian League after ground improvements were made, with the terracing at the notorious 'Critics Corner' greatly improved by new steps.

1984

25 YEARS AGO: PARKWOOD were thrown out of the Maidstone Sunday League after allegations of violence at the league's annual dance at Aylesford WMC.

Secretary Bill Day pleaded for clemency, but five players were banned for life. They were alleged to have chanted obscene songs, attacked a player from a rival team, Tavern FC, and done more than £100 of damage to the venue at Wierton Place Country Club. No charges were brought by Maidstone Police.



Kent's Bob Woolmer (pictured left) was struggling after ricking his back against Gloucestershire, dislocating his finger and cutting it against Yorks, needing stitches, and then doing his back again against Sussex and having to retire hurt.

His team-mate Derek Underwood topped the national first-class bowling averages, at the age of 39, despite failing to take a single wicket on Sundays.

Karting scheme puts raw talent on pole to follow in stars' steps

Young racer signs for Formula One giant

By **TOM HOWARD**

WITH former graduates Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton battling in the British Grand Prix this afternoon, a Kent circuit is hoping it will be the breeding ground for Formula One stars of tomorrow.

Buckmore Park, which catapulted the careers of 2008 Formula One champion Hamilton and 2009 championship leader Button, is one of the UK's best facilities.

A year ago the Chatham circuit launched a Motor Sport Association backed scheme to get more youngsters involved in the sport.

The Let's Go Karting scheme is aimed at aspiring racers aged eight to 16 and provides youngsters with coached racing sessions at the circuit for £5.

The initiative has proved to be a hit, especially with the success of former Buckmore Park racers Hamilton and Button.

The circuit's operations director, Chris Pullman, believes he has seen a number of drivers with potential.

He told Kent on Sunday: "It has been unbelievable. We have hosted 12 days of sessions with up to 60 drivers taking to the track each time. The places have gone extremely quickly and are being filled with drivers of varied ages and by both boys and girls, which is great to see."

Two racers who have caught Pullman's eye at the circuit are 15 year-olds' Oliver Rowland from Barnsley and Josh Webster from Chelmsford.

The pair have both been coached at the circuit and have won numerous championships.

Rowland has already attracted attention from Hamilton's McLaren Formula One team and is part of their young driver programme.

Pullman said: "I think if Oliver keeps progressing as he has then he will become a Formula One champion. Josh has also shown promise and has already won a European Championship. Lee Jenner, from Herne Bay, and Sean Babington, from Chatham, are also both progressing well."

With Brawn GP driver Button the hot favourite to win the British Grand Prix, Pullman is expecting the circuit to be packed full of young racers in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, Buckmore Park have announced this week they are to run the kart circuit at Brands Hatch.

Buckmore boss Bill Sisley said: "This is an exciting new development. We wish to expand the activities available to include karting for all ages between eight and 80."



Picture: ZOUBIN NAVI



ON THE GRID: Buckmore Park's circuit has seen F1's Lewis Hamilton (top) and Jenson Button hone their skills on the track



ALL FOUR ONE: Quartet playing for charity

Golfers up for 108-hole Open challenge

FOUR amateur golfers are set to embark on a world first today as they play England's six Open Championship courses in one day, starting at Kent's Princes Golf Club, ***writes Tom Howard***.

The quartet are set to complete the 108-hole challenge, in a bid to raise £100,000 for the Willow Foundation charity, which caters for sufferers of cancer, cystic fibrosis, motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy, organ failure and Huntington's.

Mike Balfour from Edinburgh, Paul White from London and Justin Jeffery and Alistair Hunter from Potters Bar, began their epic golfing challenge at 4.15am at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich and will walk up to 35 miles during the day.

After a round at Princes the quartet move on to Royal St Georges, also in Sandwich, which hosted the 2003 Open. The golfers will take a helicopter trip to Cheshire after playing at Deal's Cinque Ports. Despite the luxury of the helicopter trip they will not be allowed caddies or buggies to navigate the courses.

The final leg of the challenge will see the quartet play Royal Liverpool (Hoylake), Royal Birkdale (Southport), followed by Royal Lytham St Annes on the Lancashire coast.

Hunter is looking forward to playing on some of the worlds' most famous courses and admitted he is unsure if they will finish in daylight. He told Kent on Sunday: "As far we know this has never been done before. The idea came from a couple of golfers who decided to play all the Scottish Open Championship courses.

"We have checked the times and we think it will be possible. However, if it starts to get dark we will carry on playing until we finish the challenge.

"We have had great support so far and have already reached the £70,000 mark on our target."

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Picture: ADY KERRY

RETURN: Hayley Brown needs to play in UK

GB call-up could see Brown make Canterbury return

HAYLEY Brown could be in line for a surprise return to Canterbury just one year after leaving the club for Barcelona, ***writes David Pritchard***.

The forward, who turns 22 next month, is expected to return if she is included in the Great Britain squad for the centralised training programme.

Designed by national coach Danny Kerry, himself a former Canterbury coach, it aims to give the squad the best possible preparation ahead of the London Olympics.

Kerry wants his players to play in the UK, forcing Brown back if she makes the squad, which is due to be announced soon. If it happens, Canterbury coach Ian Jennings is hopeful Brown, who has 15 international caps, would return to Polo Farm.

He said: "If Hayley was involved I'm pretty confident she would come back to Canterbury. Whilst it would improve Canterbury's playing squad I feel I could also enhance her game. It would be a win-win for both of us, but it all depends on whether she is included."

Selected

Another player who could be involved in the squad is Natalie Seymour, who is on England duty in Germany this weekend. The 22-year-old is enjoying a good run in the side and played in both games against Spain last weekend.

England play their second and final game in Russelheim today, which is their final run-out before travelling to Australia for the Champions Trophy next month.

If selected it would be Seymour's first major senior international tournament.

While Seymour is making an impact at senior level, several of the club's junior players are also forcing themselves into the reckoning. Ross Gilham-Jones is in the boys' under-18s squad playing two games against Scotland in Stirling this weekend.

Grace Balsdon and Lucy Hyams are in the girls' under-16 squad taking on Ireland next weekend. The Kent College pupils have been selected alongside Sevenoaks' Sophie Crosley for three games in Dublin, which begin next Friday.

Boss is sure that finally he's got his Maher man



BACK: Maher trained with Gills last year

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson is confident history will not repeat itself and he will finally sign long-term target Kevin Maher next week.

The midfielder appeared close to joining the Gills for most of last summer and trained with the squad in pre-season, only to join Oldham a fortnight before the start of the campaign instead.

Maher, now 32, was released by the Latics last month and is again in talks with Stimson.

The Gills boss told Kent on Sunday two weeks ago a move was imminent, but in an echo of a year ago, nothing was finalised.

Now, after a delay due to the player's holiday, Stimson, who himself returned from a family trip on Thursday, is expecting to bring an end to the drawn out pursuit next week.

"Unfortunately the chairman's been away and Kevin's been away so we've missed each other", he said.

"It's dragged on a bit, but Kevin's back now and the chairman has spoken to his advisers while I've been away.

"It's just about matching it all up now. I hope history doesn't repeat itself. The big thing last year was Kevin wanted to play League One football and he uprooted from Essex to play for Oldham.

"Although we lost him I could understand why he did it because he wanted to play at the highest level.

"We're in League One now and I'm hoping he comes and plays for us."

Stimson is closing in on another player to add to his squad, but it is not Josh Wright.

The 19-year-old was outstanding in Gillingham's play-off victory at Wembley, his last game on loan from Charlton Athletic.

At the time he was confident of signing permanently, but with Maher poised to join, a move for Wright now appears very unlikely.

Miss out

The Gills boss said: "If I can sign Kevin I don't think we'd do anything with Josh because they play in similar positions.

"All managers have long lists of players so if in case you miss out on a player there's another one to go for.

"I know Josh is talking to a couple of Championship clubs and I've said if he wants to discuss with us, let us know."

Stimson also ruled out a move for striker Chris Dickson, who he believes would not be allowed to leave Charlton following the Addicks' relegation from the Championship.

Veteran stopper to hold talks on his Gills future

SIMON Royce's future should become clearer next week, with the veteran goalkeeper set to hold talks with Gills boss Mark Stimson.

The stopper, who turns 38 in September, was offered a one-year deal within days of helping the club win promotion from League Two.

Royce is keen to stay on at Priestfield, but was reportedly unhappy with the deal and went on holiday to consider his options, which include retiring from the game altogether. Stimson is hoping to meet Royce next week to try and find a solution.

He said: "He's one of these guys who does go away and spends a few weeks on holiday. I'm not going to pester him, but probably early next week I'll have a chat to him to see what his thoughts are and we'll go from there."

One contract renewal which should go through without a hitch is for first-team coach Mark Robson. The former Charlton coach joined Gillingham last summer on a temporary basis, but was such a hit with players and staff he is now seen as a vital member of the first-team squad.

Stimson, who has known Robson for more than 20 years, is confident of finalising a contract in the next few days.

He said: "We had near enough done something before the end of the season, but because the celebrations went on longer than we thought it took a back seat. I'm sure when Mark comes back there will be something on the table for him to sign and we can move on."



Picture: ADY KERRY

Kent League welcomes Fisher with open arms

FISHER FC are hopeful they can be an asset to the Kent League after getting the unanimous backing from existing clubs at the division's Annual General Meeting.

Fisher Athletic, who finished bottom of the Blue Square South last season, were wound up in May after the club were unable to pay outstanding debts to the Inland Revenue.

Newly reformed after agreeing to continue their groundshare at Dulwich Hamlet's Champion Hill ground, they have to drop two steps in the Football Association's league pyramid to re-enter competitive football.

After making an appeal to the Kent League's AGM on Thursday evening, the division's 15 other clubs all approved the application.

Fisher chairman Martin Eede believes their presence will strengthen the Kent League.

He said: "As a team I'm not saying we will hit the ground running in regards of performances on the pitch, that will take time."

The other main decision taken at the AGM was Croydon's departure after three seasons.

The Trams have moved to the Combined Counties League for next season to reduce the distance the club travel to away games.

With VCD Athletic's promotion to Ryman Division One North as Kent League champions, the division shrinks from 17 to 16 teams next season.

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WARM-UP: Mitchell Johnson (left) and his Australian team-mates trained at Kent's Beckenham ground this week ahead of the first Ashes Test at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on July 8

Aussies put county's facilities to the Test

RICKY Ponting and his Australian Test side came to Kent this week to use the county's Beckenham ground facilities in preparation for the forthcoming Ashes series.

By **GLENN PEARSON**

The Aussies made a surprise visit to one of Kent's out grounds at Worsley Bridge Road on Thursday to use the net facilities in order to get prepared for the first Test that starts in Cardiff on July 8.

Led by skipper Ponting, who is yet to captain his side to a Test series victory in this country, the Australians started their session playing a game with a Vortex ball (a ball designed similar to a mini American football with a tail that can be thrown up to distances of 90 metres) to warm-up.

The group then split up into three groups; one in the nets, another practising slip catching and another taking high catches.

Ponting and wicketkeeper Brad Haddin spent about an hour catching balls off the edge of the bat, but not before the Australian skipper had his right hand strapped up by a member of the medical staff, although it didn't appear to hinder his practice.

Kent Academy director, Phil Relf, said the Aussies were impressed with the county's facilities at Beckenham.

He said: "I think they were looking for a ground to practice on before playing Sussex next week and Beckenham came up trumps. It has pace and good carry and is generally known as a good place to play. They seemed really pleased with it and were thoroughly professional, which you would expect of the world's best side."

Kent's Academy youngsters, who were used during the day as net bowlers, spent their time bowling at the Australian batsmen although weren't used to bowl against the likes of Ponting and openers Phil Hughes and Simon Katich. They did, however, get to bowl alongside Australian pacemen Brett Lee, Mitchell Johnson and Ben Hilfenhaus.

The Aussies will step up their preparations to face England with a four-day game against Sussex at Hove on Wednesday.



PACEMAN: Australian fast bowler Brett Lee enjoys a game of Vortex at Beckenham



...and Clark's finally here, too

.....but not for Kent. Stuart Clark was all set to arrive at the start of the summer as the county's overseas signing, but a call-up for the Australia tour to South Africa meant Kent had to look elsewhere



CONCERN?: Aussie skipper, nicknamed Punter, receives some medical attention at Beckenham

Pictures: ADY KERRY

Cooky is keen to play a more important role



FIGHTING FIT: Simon Cook has been hit by injury but now feels he's ready to take his chance at Kent

IF YOU are labelled a certain type of player in sport, it can be pretty tough to shift – just ask Paul Collingwood, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Andy Cole.

By GLENN PEARSON

While Collingwood struggled to lose the tag of being a limited-overs cricketer only, Solskjaer never lost the label of being a 'super sub' and Cole was always known as a top club player who couldn't convert his form into international performances.

After a 2008 season in which he failed to make a single championship appearance, Kent's Simon Cook was as close as you can possibly get to being labelled just a Twenty20 and one-day specialist.

The 32-year-old, who was signed by Middlesex as a teenager together with current England captain Andrew Strauss, moved from Lord's to Kent four years ago and has proved a good asset to the bowling attack.

Fantastic

A line and length man with good changes of pace means he fits the bill for a limited overs cricketer and that's the box he was firmly put in last season.

His big chance came at the start of the season with Martin Saggers, Amjad Khan and Robbie Joseph all out injured, but typically Cook picked up an injury himself.

After a full pre-season, the seamer was left flat on his back for two weeks with back spasms which curtailed his chance of making an impact in the side.

However, after a series of good performances with the white ball, Cook was given a chance to play at Leicester last week and grabbed the opportunity with both hands, claiming figures of 5 for 78.

He was retained in the side for the visit of Essex this week, despite Amjad Khan returning to the side, and again performed well with the ball. The Kent medium-fast bowler knows it's up to him to keep hold of that place.

"It's been a while since I donned the white clothing, but it feels good to be back in the team," he said.

"I struggled a bit last year with form and fitness, but this season I have had a few programmes in place. I went away to Hong Kong for a three-week training camp that I organised over there at Hong Kong Cricket Club and they were fantastic. It enabled me to get some overs under my belt and that put a strong training regime in place and that's sort of proving its worth now.

"Last year I didn't play a single championship game. It was frustrating not getting a go in the four-day stuff and equally frustrating when challenging for a place this season and getting injured.

"I need to take my chance now and try and stay for an extended period."

With the majority of the bowling unit back fit and firing again, Kent's attack looks on paper the most threatening in Division Two.

With the pace of Joseph, Khan and potentially Wayne Parnell should he return, Cook believes he can play an important role in the championship set-up.

He said: "If I can bring some stability and consistency to our attack it allows the likes of Robbie Joseph and Amjad Khan to really run in and take some poles for us. If we can get Wayne Parnell back with that left arm variety and the pace, we will have a real potent attack."

Kent coach Willis given the runaround by skipper

KENT supporters could be forgiven for thinking a new overseas player took to the field for their County Championship game with Essex at Tunbridge Wells last week.

In fact, it was coach Simon Willis (pictured wearing Stevens' kit), on as 12th man for fast bowler Amjad Khan who left the field on day two to get some treatment on a knee injury.

Willis, 35, was called into performing the thankless task of 12th man after James Hockley was on the pitch as a substitute early on day two for the injured Robbie Joseph.

The Kent first-team coach, who hung up his gloves as Kent's back-up wicketkeeper to Steve Marsh in 1999, having served 10 years on the county staff, was asked to carry the drinks when the players were fielding and then made an appearance when Khan went off to check on his knee.



In the space of three balls, skipper Rob Key had made him move from fielding at fine leg, to gully and then to mid-off as the players looked to get their own back.

Willis said: "I've done it two weeks running now. It's not ideal, but we had a bit of banter when you're out there and the captain generally likes to get me running all over the pitch."

Khan gets back in the groove against Essex

AMJAD Khan picked up two wickets in a positive return to action after missing the opening three months of the season through injury.

The Kent and England fast bowler showed no ill effects of the knee injury picked up before the One-Day International series with West Indies during the winter.

Khan made his county return in the clash with Essex at Tunbridge Wells in the week, claiming 1 for 46 in the first innings and 1 for 58 in the second, bowling a total of 39 overs in the game.

Skipper Rob Key was delighted to have his strike bowler back among the ranks.

He said: "Amjad bowled well with good control on his return. Tunbridge Wells is not a wicket that you can bowl 95 miles an hour, it's one you have to be skilful and I think he showed that.



"He was unlucky to not get more wickets, but it's so pleasing to see him and Robbie Joseph bowling the way they do."

MBE tops off a great season for England's Edwards



HONOURED: Charlotte Edwards

KENT and England skipper Charlotte Edwards' achievements have been formally recognised as she was included in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The 29-year-old was awarded an MBE for services to cricket after a stunning series of successes with the national side.

Edwards has led the side to successive Ashes series wins and the World Cup title in March. On a personal level, last year she was named ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year.

Edwards, who coaches in schools as part of a contract with the Cricket Foundation's Chance to Shine programme, is hopeful the award will help promote the women's game.

Profile

She said: "It's a fantastic honour and something I'm very proud of. It's a great way to raise the profile of women's cricket even more.

"It's been a really special 18 months for myself and the team and this has really topped it off."

The side's good form continued in the World Twenty20 competition. Edwards top scored with 42 as England beat Pakistan on Tuesday to finish the group stage with a 100 per cent record.

She then scored 25 off 23 balls in Friday's semi-final win against Australia at The Oval to go through to today's final at Lord's against New Zealand. Team-mate Claire Taylor hit 75 not out in the eight-wicket win.

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TOP TIPS: Aussie skipper Ricky Ponting

KENT HOPEFULS FACE PONTING'S AUSSIE SQUAD

Academy youngsters train with Australian team

IT'S not every day you get to bowl against the cream of the world's cricketing talent, but for Kent's Academy youngsters it's becoming a regular thing.

By **GLENN PEARSON**

Seven of the county's Academy and development squad were given the chance of a lifetime when they were asked to bowl at the Australian Test squad, who arrived in Kent this week to use the county's facilities in Beckenham.

Skipper Ricky Ponting and his squad visited the Worsley Bridge Road ground on Thursday to step up their preparations ahead of the Ashes series that begins with the first Test in Cardiff on July 8.

Kent Academy youngsters Maurice Holmes, Adam Ball, Adam Riley and Matt Coles, together with 2nd XI players Phil Edwards, Warren Lee and Charlie Hemphrey were used as net bowlers during the session where they got the opportunity to bowl to the likes of Mike Hussey, Michael Clarke and Brad Haddin.

For seam bowler Phil Edwards, 25, who made his County Championship debut in Kent's first game of the season against Northamptonshire, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Australian pacemen Brett Lee and Mitchell Johnson can only help his game.

He said: "It was a really good experience standing next to Brett Lee getting ready to bowl, it was a bit surreal really. They were really good though, they all made an effort to talk to us during practice and gave us feedback about our bowling during the session, which really helped."

Teenager Matt Coles left fast bowler Brett Lee, known to have some skill as a batsman, a little red-faced after bowling him out during the session. The 18-year-old, who plays for Kent Premier League champions Hartley Country Club, was impressed with the Australians, particularly the likes of Lee, Johnson and Ben Hilfenhaus.

He said: "It's not every day you get to bowl with one of the best bowlers in the world, it was definitely a great experience.

"It was good to learn how they prepare to play on each wicket and the plans they have for each batsman, but they didn't tell us what they had planned for England's batters, which is a shame."

For Coles and several of his Academy team-mates, it's not the first time they have been asked to bowl against top international batsmen. Two weeks ago, Kent's Academy group were invited to London to bowl against the Sri Lankans as preparation for the ICC World Twenty20.

Academy director Phil Relf told Kent on Sunday that the experience, combined with training alongside the Australians, should benefit the young players in their goal of playing first-class cricket for Kent.

"For our guys to get to bowl against the likes of Ricky Ponting, well that can only help their game," he said.

"I watched Ponting during the session and he spent about 45 minutes slip catching, then half an hour batting against Mitchell Johnson and Brett Lee before going back to do another 30 minutes slip catching.

"That's quality and quantity and hopefully our lads will have picked that up. Hopefully, it provided motivation and education from the world's best team and I'm sure they would be hard pressed not to have picked something up from watching them train."



LUCKY: Phil Edwards (left) and Warren Lee (right) bowled against the Australians

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Wimbledon shot goes begging

NAOMI Cavaday admitted she was "bitterly disappointed" to be knocked out in the final round of qualifying for Wimbledon this week.

The 20-year-old from Sidcup was attempting to reach her third successive appearance on the hallowed grass courts at SW19 after memorable matches against former champions Martina Hingis and Venus Williams in the last two years.

After two wins in final qualifying at Roehampton she was one win away from taking her place in the tournament, which starts tomorrow. But on the day she was unable to take her chances and lost 7-5 6-2 to Russia's Vesna Manasieva.

Cavaday said: "I'm bitterly, bitterly disappointed. This was a massive opportunity. I made the last round of qualifying, which is an achievement in itself, but it definitely hurts. I was setting myself up with opportunities on her serve and fighting on my serve, but overall I just didn't play well enough."

The British number six's two other appearances in the Wimbledon ladies singles had come via a wild card from the All England Club. This year she was overlooked due to her low ranking outside the top 250, which was partly down to missing the end of last season with an illness.

She is still hoping to compete in the mixed doubles alongside Brit number three Josh Goodall.

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